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WE'RE EY UP FOR THE CUP

THE DONNIE DONNIE BANKS.. In South Yorkshire



TEAMS from Scotland could face an epic trek for next season's Cup away games.. in South Yorkshire.

That's after Doncaster City – who play in England's 13th tier – said they planned to use a 900-year-old claim over their national status to apply to play in next season's Scottish Cup.

The bonkers bid centres on the 12th century Treaty of

BY GORDON PARKS

Durham, which says Doncaster is legally part of Scotland.

A spokesman for the newly-formed outfit said: "Doncaster City is on the rise and we dream of a home tie against Rangers or Celtic. Why shouldn't we be welcoming them down?"

The SFA last night said they were aware of the bid.

Doncaster City say 900-year-old treaty lets them in



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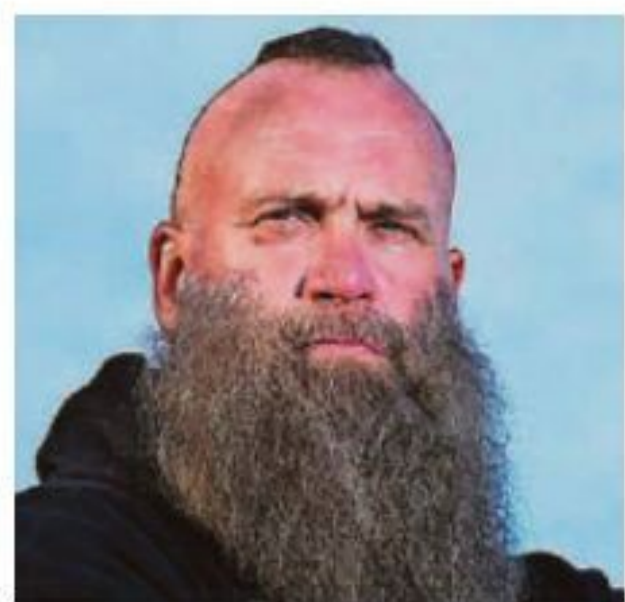
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**BATTLER** Charlie Allan

Re-enactors are Game for fantasy epic

BY CHRIS MARZELLA

ACTORS and battle re-enactment specialists from Stirling hit the screens this month in the Game of Thrones epic spin-off House of the Dragon.

Members of Combat International, a part of the Clanranald Trust, are currently starring in the hit series alongside actors Matt Smith and Paddy Considine.

The fantasy saga is set 200 years before the events of Game of Thrones and focuses on the Targaryens.

The team filmed scenes at Holywell Bay, Cornwall, almost a year ago.

Clanranald Trust chief executive Charlie Allan said: "We were asked down by Rowley Irlam (stunt co-ordinator).

"We had worked together on Thor: The Dark World, Robin Hood and Snow White and the Huntsman."

**NO JOKE** Prue Leith

Innuendo so 'childish' for Bake Off Prue

BY TOM BRYANT

THE Great British Bake Off judge Prue Leith has taken a pop at her co-star's "childish" innuendos on the show.

The 82-year-old said she is often in the dark when it comes to their naughty sense of humour.

Asked about the famous innuendos on the programme such as soggy bottoms, Prue admitted: "I wish I could say mine were scripted and then I could claim some credit but the fact of the matter is that I don't get the joke.

"Paul (Hollywood) and Matt (Lucas) go into gales of laughter, and I will tell you, they are so childish.

"You only have to mention 'sausage' and they laugh. That is their idea of humour."

CONFIDENT
Brooke shows off the new range designed by Kim Kardashian



ON TIP OF THE WORLD
Brooke looks statuesque in the underwear, left and above

Bra-vo to Brooke

HOLLYWOOD star Brooke Shields stripped down to her underwear to help out celeb pal Kim Kardashian. The Blue Lagoon actress, 57, sported the latest from Kim's SKIMS range. And she looked sensational while doing it. The garments hope to help promote body confidence.

EMELI: I SAID YES

Singer announces she's to wed partner

BY RICK FULTON

EMELI Sande has revealed she is engaged to girlfriend Yoana Kareмова.

The singer, 35, shared the news yesterday, showing off her dazzling diamond and ruby ring as she revealed on social media: "I said yes!"

It will be the Aberdeenshire singer's second marriage and comes eight years after she divorced marine biologist husband Adam Gouraguine in 2014. They had been married for two years and together for 10.

The Next to Me singer revealed

the same-sex relationship with classical pianist Yoana in March, saying they'd met while she studied classical music during lockdown.

She then told the Record "marrying would be nice" but she'd take the relationship "day-by-day" adding: "I just feel very happy. I want to enjoy that."

Emeli's fourth album, Let's Say for Instance, released in May, is littered

with references to Yoana including two songs, July 25th and September 8th – special dates for the couple.

She said: "They are kind of like when we fell in love and all that stuff. We got together on the 24th of July."

Among those wishing the couple the best was TV presenter Zoe Ball, who said: "Congrats gorgeous girls."

SPARKLER Emeli shows off ring

**NEXT TO ME** Emeli with partner Yoana

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Glasgow & West
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Edinburgh, Fife & Borders
Overcast with cloudy skies and scattered heavy showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds SW at 8-10mph. UV index: 1.

Dundee & Aberdeen
Light showers are expected and mainly dull and cloudy skies. Max 17C (63F). Winds W at 4-6mph. UV index: 2.

Forth Valley
Heavy showers with largely overcast and cloudy skies. Max 17C (63F). Winds SW at 5-7mph. UV index: 2.

Inverness & Moray
Grey with outbreaks of rain. Max 16C (61F). Winds W at 6-8mph. UV index: 3.

Highlands & Islands
The chance of a heavy shower but sunshine too. Breezy. Max 15C (59F). Winds W at 11-13mph. UV index: 3.

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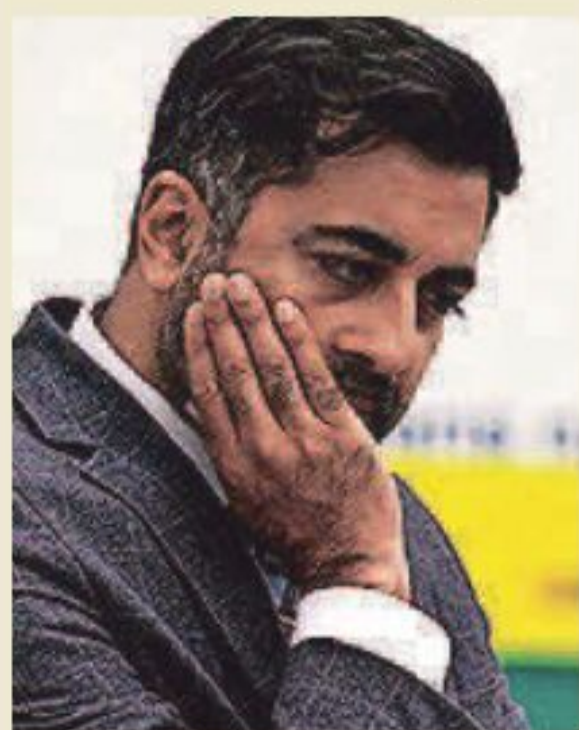
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'Exceptionally difficult winter' for NHS



PRESSURE Humza Yousaf

THE NHS in Scotland is facing an "exceptionally difficult winter", the Health Secretary has said.

Humza Yousaf said the "high possibility" of another wave of Covid-19 and a possible resurgence of flu will place extra pressure on the health service.

It comes after waiting time performance at A&E

BY LUCINDA CAMERON

departments hit a new record low, with just 63.5 per cent of patients seen and subsequently admitted or discharged within four hours in the week up to September 11.

Yousaf said he wants an "immediate improvement" in waiting times but that he expects difficult months

ahead. He told BBC Radio Scotland's Good Morning Scotland programme that capacity is the most significant issue facing hospitals, and that pressure on social care is making it harder to deal with delayed discharges.

He said he will make a statement to Parliament to lay out what action will be taken over the course of a

"really difficult" winter. Dr John-Paul Loughrey, of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine Scotland, said the figures were not acceptable and called for urgent action to tackle the problems.

He warned that the delays in the week for which latest figures have been published could cost 40 lives.

TRUSS IN U.S. FOR TALKS

Biden to make UK state visit in 2023

Prez's trip will mark 25th anniversary of Good Friday deal



ALLIES Truss and Biden at the UN yesterday

UK officials are preparing to welcome Joe Biden to Britain for a state visit next year.

The US president is understood to want to come to the UK to mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, which brought peace to Northern Ireland.

The trip could be the first time King Charles III welcomes a fellow head of state to the UK for an official visit.

The move came as Prime Minister Liz Truss and Biden met for the first time, at the UN General Assembly in New York, and said they want to ensure the 1998 agreement is protected.

No date has been set but the

BY BEN GLAZE

state visit will coincide with the anniversary of the peace pact.

A senior diplomatic source said: "If you look at the calendar you'll conclude next year might be an obvious reason to visit Europe, if things come good."

A Whitehall official said the 25th anniversary was "a key pivot moment".

One of Biden's predecessors as a Democratic president, Bill Clinton, visited Belfast in 1995 and was mobbed by fans.

Biden has highlighted his Irish roots and the trip could bolster his re-election campaign if he runs again for the White House.

The plan for a state visit by

Biden piles pressure on to the UK Government and EU to thrash out a solution to the post-Brexit Northern Ireland Protocol, which prevents a hard border with the Republic – the UK's only land boundary with the bloc.

It effectively sets a six-month deadline to reach a compromise on the protocol, which would revive the Stormont Executive and Northern Ireland Assembly.

At their meeting, Biden said to Truss: "We both are committed to protecting the Good Friday Agreement. I'm looking forward to hearing what's on your mind and how we can continue to cooperate."

He congratulated Truss on

becoming PM, adding: "I look forward to working closely with you. You're our closest ally in the world and there's a lot we can continue to do together."

Truss said the UK and the US were "steadfast allies", adding: "I'm looking forward to discussing the Belfast Good Friday Agreement and how we make sure that's upheld."

Their meeting came 24 hours after a spat over economic policy. Biden tweeted: "I am sick and tired of trickle-down economics. It has never worked."

But Truss said: "What I don't accept is the idea that tax cuts on business don't help people in general."



LAWSUIT Donald Trump

TRUMP SUED OVER ALLEGED FRAUD

DONALD Trump and the Trump Organisation are being sued by New York's attorney general over alleged business fraud.

Democrat Letitia James's lawsuit – involving some of the ex-US president's prized assets – comes after her

three-year civil probe into Trump and his company.

Trump's three eldest children, Donald Jr, Ivanka and Eric Trump, were also named as defendants, along with two company bosses, Allen Weisselberg and Jeffrey McConney. James said: "Donald

Trump falsely inflated his net worth by billions of dollars to unjustly enrich himself, and cheat the system, thereby cheating all of us."

She is seeking to remove the Trumps from businesses engaged in the alleged fraud and wants

an independent monitor appointed for five years to oversee the Trump Organisation.

She is seeking to permanently bar Trump and his three eldest children from serving as an officer or director in any New York corporation.

TWO WEEKS THAT SHOOK SCOTLAND PAGES 10&11



ON THE RUN Mark Quinn

Drug factory dealer gets seven years

BY RECORD REPORTER

A BOXING coach snared after a former nursing home was turned into a drugs factory has been jailed for seven years.

Mark Quinn was linked to more than £10million of amphetamine following a series of cross-border raids.

A judge heard how detectives swooped at Aldergrange care home in Liverpool, which had been used to prepare and bulk out the drugs for trafficking.

Quinn, 58, was yesterday sentenced at the High Court in Glasgow. The 58-year-old had been on the run since 2014, before being tracked to Holland in October 2021.

Quinn had pled guilty at a hearing in Edinburgh in July to being concerned in the supply of amphetamine between August 2013 and April 2014.



HEARTBREAK Jamie Roy

Scottish DJ Jamie Roy dies at 33

BY LAUREN GILMOUR

A DJ and record producer who performed at some of the world's biggest nightclubs has died aged 33.

Tributes have been paid to Jamie Roy, who died on Tuesday. The 33-year-old was originally from Dumfries and regularly performed in Ibiza where he had a large fan base.

His family shared the news via the artist's Facebook page yesterday and said they were "heartbroken" by his death.

They said: "Jamie passed away yesterday. Jamie was a much loved and talented son, brother, nephew and uncle and loved by his many friends and colleagues both within the music industry and beyond that. We are all absolutely heartbroken."

In June, Jamie had played Glastonbury Festival.

ENGLISH CLUB'S SCOTTISH CUP BID

RIDONCULOUS

AMBITION
Doncaster City players celebrate a goal



HOME GROUND
The team play at Doncaster's Marra Falcons stadium



GLORY DAYS
Terry Curran in his playing days for Sheffield Wednesday

AN ENGLISH football club is using a 900-year-old claim over their national status to apply for a place in next season's Scottish Cup.

The bizarre bid by Doncaster City to join the competition is based on a 12th century treaty which states Doncaster is legally part of Scotland.

The newly-formed team, which has submitted an application to the SFA, aim to use Berwick Rangers and East of Scotland side Tweedmouth Rangers as examples of clubs based south of the Border being eligible.

The SFA told the Record last night they are aware of the bid by the South Yorkshire club and will review the application in due course.

Doncaster City started

Doncaster City in bizarre appeal to SFA

BY GORDON PARKS AND ALAN MCEWEN

life in the 13th tier of the FA pyramid this season and currently sit top of Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior Football League Division Two, managed by former Sheffield Wednesday

star Terry Curran. The club, sponsored by Sports Direct, is using the Treaty of Durham, which was signed in 1136, as the basis for their bid to enter the Scottish Cup.

After Doncaster was taken by the forces of King David I of Scotland, King Stephen of England ceded the town in the treaty. Henry II of England and

his army reclaimed control of the area two decades later but historians say Doncaster was never formally given back.

Doncaster City spokesman Luke Van Dome said the club has made a presentation to the SFA over their cup bid.

He said: "We are Doncaster's newest addition to the footballing world and like any other club, we love the fairy tales domestic cups can provide."

"Doncaster became Scottish soil when King Stephen of England passed it to King David I of Scotland in the first Treaty of Durham, and it has not been claimed back."

"Doncaster City is on the

rise and we dream of a home tie against Rangers or Celtic and why shouldn't we be welcoming them down?"

"The likes of Cardiff and Swansea compete in the EFL despite their geographical location."

Record columnist and Motherwell fan Tam Cowan welcomed Doncaster City's ambitious bid to play in the Scottish Cup.

He said: "I'm totally up for it. It brings back memories of the old Texaco Cup in the 70s which older Motherwell fans still wax lyrical about."

"Can't beat a Battle of Britain clash and I'd take Doncaster City FC at Fir Park in a flash."

Doncaster was granted city status as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



THE BOSS
Terry Curran is the manager of the team which made their debut last month

DONCASTRIANS WHO WENT ON TO FIND FAME



LOCAL Kevin Keegan

LIVERPOOL and England legend Kevin Keegan is the most famous footballer to have hailed from Doncaster.

The 71-year-old was born in the city's Armthorpe and supported Doncaster Rovers as a boy.

Keegan began his career at Scunthorpe United before moving to Liverpool in 1971 where he won three First Division titles, the Uefa Cup

BY ALAN MCEWEN

twice, the FA Cup, and the European Cup. He moved to Hamburg in 1977, won the Ballon d'Or twice, and notched up 63 international caps.

Keegan later managed Newcastle, Manchester City and England.

Another famous Doncastrian is TV presenter Jeremy Clarkson, who was born there in 1960. Clarkson, 62, is best known for Top Gear, The Grand

Tour motoring series for Amazon, and Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?.

Singer Louis Tomlinson, who was born in Doncaster in 1991, rose to fame as a member of One Direction.

Dame Diana Rigg, who passed away in 2020, was born in Doncaster in 1938. She played the iconic role of Emma Peel in The Avengers before becoming a Bond girl in 1969's On Her Majesty's Secret Service.



LOCAL Jeremy Clarkson

WAR IN UKRAINE: NUKE THREAT

How seriously should we take Vladimir Putin's threat to use nuclear weapons?

The use of weapons of mass destruction would be the option of last resort for Putin. It would invite global condemnation and risk a retaliatory attack. It is also the action most likely to trigger a coup against the Russian leader.

Why is the Russian leader ramping up his war rhetoric?

Primarily because Russia is losing the war in Ukraine. Demoralised Russian forces are reeling from a Ukrainian counter-offensive that retook 6000 square kilometres in



the east of the country. As the losses mount up so has the volume of Putin's sabre-rattling.

Could Putin be toppled?

So far Putin has maintained his iron grip on the Kremlin and the "siloviki" - the elite group of security and military who surround the president. But in recent weeks

there have been voices of dissent. Local politicians in Moscow and St Petersburg have called for Putin to resign, while Ramzan Kadyrov, the Kremlin-backing head of the Chechen Republic, slammed the military "mistakes" in Ukraine.

Could Russia's allies turn on him?

Putin has been forced to look to China and India for international support. But at a recent summit in Uzbekistan, India's Narendra Modi told the Russian leader "today's time is not a time for war". Putin also admitted that China had "questions and concerns" about the situation in Ukraine.

FIVE

BY **CHRIS HUGHES**
and **BEN GLAZE**

FIVE British prisoners of war, some facing death penalties, were dramatically freed last night by Kremlin-backed rebels in Ukraine.

It came as president Vladimir Putin sparked an attempted mass exodus from Russia amid a nuclear war warning and the call-up of 300,000 reserve troops.

The PoW releases brokered by Saudi Arabia included Aiden Aslin, 28, according to Tory MP Robert Jenrick.

PM Liz Truss thanked Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky.

She said: "Hugely welcome news - five British nationals held by Russian-backed proxies in eastern Ukraine are being safely returned, ending months of uncertainty and suffering for them and their families."

"Russia must end the ruthless exploitation of prisoners of war and civilian detainees for political ends."

Jenrick said Aiden, of Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, was among those released following a mediation by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Meanwhile, after Putin's chilling TV speech in which he invoked the spectre of World War III, flights leaving Russia sold out and hundreds were arrested in anti-mobilisation protests.

As he launched Russia's biggest troop mobilisation since World War II, Putin backed the illegal annexation of swathes of Ukraine.

Flights out of Russia included men who feared being conscripted as traffic jams also built up at the Finnish border.

Putin backed fake polls on Donbas's Luhansk and Donetsk regions plus Kherson and Zaporizhzhia in a bid to make the zone part of Russia.

That means Ukraine's counter-offensive could then be seen by the Kremlin as an attack on the Russian Federation, justifying the use of nukes.

He said: "If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will without doubt use all available means to

Truss praises 'welcome' release of Brits after Saudis broker deal



FREED Aiden Aslin. Left, Vladimir Putin

protect Russia and our people. This is not a bluff. In its aggressive anti-Russian policy, the West has crossed every line. This is not a bluff.

"And those who try to blackmail us with nuclear weapons should know that the weather vane can turn and point towards them."

Putin also accused the West of urging Ukraine to push towards Russia.

Last night, the tyrant's security forces were cracking down on protesters,

PUTIN'S OPTIONS: CONTINUE WAR

This is a grinding war and Russia is suffering losses of perhaps 55,000 dead since February 24. Without a step change in tactics, the Ukrainian counter-offensive may in months mean Kyiv will win. This is unlikely as it means Russia will continue on the back foot.

RESERVISTS TO FRONTLINE

These men have proved to be under-trained and badly supplied forces and many battalions of non-regular forces have been wiped out. But sheer weight of numbers could turn the tide if morale were not already plummeting. A huge number of desertions would be likely.



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High-risk
strategy puts
the world in
more danger

COMMENT

BY MISHA GLENNY, RUSSIA EXPERT

VLADIMIR Putin's uncompromising television address, complete with nuclear sabre-rattling, has taken the world on to another level of uncertainty and danger.

Putin's call to order a partial mobilisation and the holding of referendums in four areas of Ukraine under Russian occupation accelerates the collision course with the West.

It is a high-risk strategy for the Russian leader, who is in a fight for his political and even physical survival. The war he launched on February 24 with has not gone as he intended.

Instead of sweeping through Ukraine in four days as he had imagined, his military has become bogged down.

By holding the referendums, Putin will argue that those territories will be part of Russia and any attack on them by Ukraine, using Nato weaponry, will be met with maximum force - including, Putin hinted, nuclear weapons.

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, is not without his worries. The country's economy is tanking and he fears that some countries might wobble in their support.

This weakness on both sides of the battle lines is likely to ramp up this war. It is harder now to imagine a peace deal.

● Misha Glenný is the rector of the IWM Vienna and author of *McMafia*.



EXERCISES
British tanks in
Poland

with 828 arrests in 37 cities. This included 303 in Moscow, 279 in St Petersburg and 40 in Yekaterinburg.

His announcement followed Russian defeats in north-eastern Ukraine as he strengthened his commitment to his "special military operation".

It sparked global condemnation as Truss blasted him for "desperately trying to justify his catastrophic failures".

She addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York, warning: "As we meet here this evening, in Ukraine barbarous weapons are

being used to kill and maim people. Rape is being used as an instrument of war, families are being torn apart."

Nato secretary general Jens Stoltenberg said last night: "The only way to end this war is to prove president Putin will not win on the battlefield. When he realizes that, he has to sit down and negotiate a reasonable agreement with Ukraine."

US president Joe Biden accused Russia of violating core principles of UN membership by invading Ukraine, warning Moscow was making

"irresponsible" threats to use nuclear arms. He told the UN General Assembly: "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

Zelensky said Putin would be unlikely to use nuclear weapons.

He added: "I don't think the world will allow him to use these weapons."

"Tomorrow, Putin can say, 'Apart from Ukraine, we also want a part of Poland, otherwise we will use nuclear weapons. We cannot make these compromises.'"

It came as British tanks joined military exercises in Poland yesterday

with local and US troops. Aiden was captured earlier this year then sentenced to death by a court in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, along with Shaun Pinner.

The 48-year-old is an ex-member of the Royal Anglian Regiment. Both men married Ukrainians and hold Ukrainian citizenship, although only Aiden has been named as one of those released.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said: "I welcome the safe return of Ukrainian prisoners of war and one civilian including five British nationals."

A NUCLEAR STRIKE ON UKRAINE

A targeted, tactical nuclear strike taking out a city might change the war in Putin's favour but it is almost unthinkable. He has proved unpredictable and he may feel like a cornered animal who will need to adopt terrifying, desperate measures. Still, a nuclear strike on Ukraine, while possible, is unlikely.

NUCLEAR STRIKE AGAINST THE WEST

There is nothing in this for Putin as it would almost certainly mean the end of the Russian Federation and the end of him. This is an extremely unlikely outcome, as is a strike on Ukraine, but it still remains an option. But the threat of this, implicit in his latest message, could be the beginning of a bid for a diplomatic solution.

STEP-UP MISSILE STRIKES IN UKRAINE

This would further dismantle Ukraine and reduce the conflict to a "frozen war" in a country that will become increasingly less functional. It is likely Putin wanted to do this but has thus far failed because of Ukraine's brilliant defences. He may keep trying to do this while looking for an off-ramp to stop the war.

NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE

Putin's war has proven a costly disaster but he cannot back down now and, unpalatable as it may seem, he needs a way out and Western diplomats know this. It is possible Crimea may be sacrificed and it is possible Ukrainian president Zelensky knows this - and that's why he has stated freeing Crimea is his military goal.

RECORD VIEW

More debt is not the right answer

THE UK Government's response to business concerns over energy price rises is nowhere near good enough.

Energy Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg announced the cost of wholesale gas and electricity for business customers will be cut for six months from October.

Any measures to ease the burden on businesses and protect jobs are welcome but bosses are right to be less than enthusiastic.

Scottish Chambers of Commerce chief executive Liz Cameron has asked what will happen "once the cap is lifted"?

It is a fair question.

The war in Ukraine, which has exacerbated the problem, does not look like it is ending any time soon.

There is every chance wholesale energy prices will be just as high – if not higher – in the new year.

A long-term strategy is needed and what we heard from Rees-Mogg yesterday was anything but.

The Tory Government's plans are a sticking plaster over a gaping wound.

They refuse to implement a proper windfall tax on the obscene profits made by energy firms and have decided instead to burden future taxpayers with the debt.

A fair distribution of excess profits to help people and businesses through this unprecedented crisis would be a start. It would demonstrate the Government is on the side of those who pay the bills and not fatcat energy bosses.

The only certainty the Tories can provide is that somehow they'll find a way to keep more money in the hands of those who need it least.

Even if that means leaving everyone else running on empty.

New clear danger

BE IN no doubt, the sabre-rattling from the Kremlin is serious.

Vladimir Putin may look like he's mad but he is certainly a man of his word. He promised years ago to take back Ukraine and his only mistake was to believe his own propaganda.

His ill-equipped forces proved entirely incapable and he now has to summon conscripts to the front line.

Putin announced the country's first partial mobilisation since World War II, renewed his nuclear threats and timetabled referendums in four occupied parts of Ukraine all before the week is out.

His nuclear threat is real. He could use a tactical weapon, low yield, to take out a military target as a signal to the West that he is willing to go further if they do not back off.

The West has to present a united response behind Ukraine, with more military backing and sanctions, to show that we will not blink first.

UKRAINE LATEST - PAGES 6&7

ENERGY PRICE CRISIS

Bills 'will spike again when new cap ends'

Six months of help may not be enough to save some firms

BY TORCUIL CRICHTON

SCOTTISH businesses have voiced concerns over sharp energy price rises after the end of a new Government scheme.

UK Energy Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg announced plans yesterday to slash the cost of wholesale gas and electricity for business customers for six months from October.

The cap will mean the "supported wholesale price" will be £211 per megawatt hour (MWh) for electricity and £75 per MWh for gas – around half the projected price on the open market and equivalent to the scheme in place for households.

Scottish Chambers of Commerce chief executive Liz Cameron raised concerns that energy prices could spike after March and put companies at risk, as well as calling for clarity on who will be able to access support after the deadline.

She said: "For those firms that will benefit, the six-month cap is not enough for them to be sufficiently reassured that the problem won't return when the cap is no longer in effect. We are concerned that even more sudden rises in energy bills will await firms once the cap is lifted."

The Night Time Industries Association Scotland – which represents pubs, bars and nightclubs – welcomed the scheme but warned it is unlikely to save businesses which have incurred high levels of energy debt in recent months, as well as saying firms that renewed their contracts before April 1 this year will continue to struggle with "untenable" energy costs.

JOHN'S STORY

'We're working to pay power bills'

A SCOTS cafe owner has revealed his business is barely breaking even after receiving a staggering summer energy bill for more than £8600.

John Mackenzie says the costs are a "major blow" for his cafe The Boxcar Coffee and Yard in Aberdeen.

The 43-year-old claims the bill covering the same timeframe cost him less than £1000 last year.

John, who also works as a consultant offshore, owns four businesses which he believes will help keep the company afloat, but fears for smaller businesses without the same security.

John shared a photo of his SSE bill on Facebook, writing: "We installed LED lights, installed a smaller, newer coffee machine, we replaced old fridges and freezers with new energy

NATALIE'S STORY

WORRIED
Natalie
Hendren



'There's little room for us to save money'

HAIRDRESSERS are being forced to cut their opening hours ahead of what stylists fear will be a "tough winter" due to the cost of living crisis.

Local businesses have told us a combination of rising energy bills, clients looking to save money, and price increases on many products they use will create a difficult situation.

Natalie Hendren owns the award-winning Aleighya's Hair & Beauty Salon in Rutherglen but says she will move to a four-day week to combat the crisis.

She said: "It's already having an effect and I'm dreading the next bills coming in as the energy costs will have gone up again. The first thing we've had to do is

inflate prices ... everything we use has gone up in price – it's unavoidable. It wouldn't be viable for us if we didn't do that, sadly.

"We've also had to introduce deposits as well to make sure people have their appointments and come in, as we can't afford people not showing up now.

"The problem as a salon is that there is very little room for us to save money. We're a business that will be high on electricity as we need to use it for things like hairdryers obviously, and we need good lighting throughout the day.

"We also need to keep the place warm, especially for older customers that come in."

JONATHAN GEDDES



What was announced yesterday?

Details of help for businesses, charities and the public sector which Prime Minister Liz Truss signalled two weeks ago.

How will it work?

The Government will effectively cap the wholesale price of energy for non-domestic users at £211 per megawatt hour (MWh) for electricity and £75 per MWh for gas.

Suppliers will be compensated, in most cases monthly, for the wholesale energy they have to buy above that.

Those suppliers must then pass on the saving.

How many firms and others will benefit?

Officials claimed they didn't know yesterday.

Three quarters will be fixed rate deals, the rest on variable rate contracts.

And those who signed-up for fixed contracts before April miss out.

How long with help last?

Six months, after which only the most "vulnerable" industries will be supported.

Does this mean businesses' bills will be lower than last winter?

No. The Government is effectively going back to where things were in April, meaning many firms still pay more than last year.

So, as a household, I've seen my energy bill won't exceed £2500 a year?

No, but you're not alone, as a survey from the website Uswitch.com found nearly two in five households wrongly believe the same.

The Government quoted £2500 as the average but the freeze is actually on the unit rate of energy, not the overall bill, which depends on your usage, and where you live.



STAGGERED Cafe owner John Mackenzie's summer energy bill was £8600

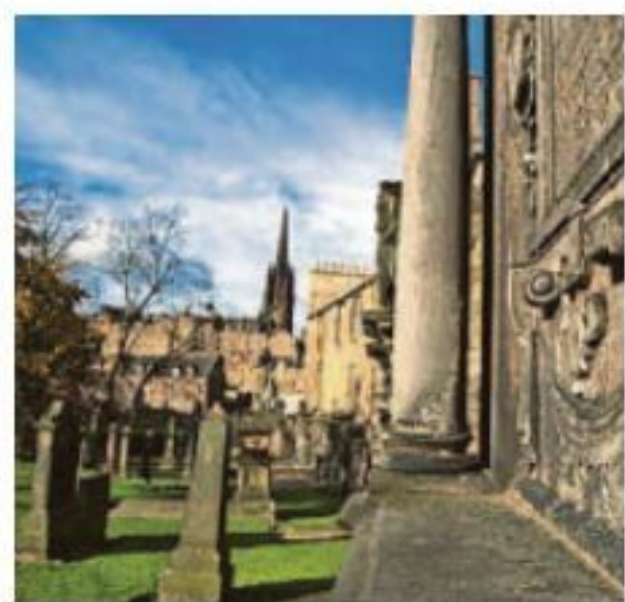
efficient ones and there is not much else we can change to reduce our power consumption."

Speaking yesterday, John said: "I'm in a fortunate position where it's not my sole business or form of income. There's no profit now, we really have to watch staff hours.

That's where the strain is, it ripples through the company.

"There will be little reinvestment because all the money is going on bills and salaries. We're basically working for absolutely nothing ... We're just paying power bills."

DUNCAN GORMAN



CALL Greyfriars cemetery

Grave duel rap man, 60, admits threat

BY GORDON CURRIE

A MAN aged 60 challenged a relative to a graveyard duel and told him: "Only one of us will make it out alive."

Randolph Angus, of Perth, demanded family member Kenneth Clarke turn up to fight to the death after a feud escalated following a funeral.

He told his rival during a menacing phone call to bring a weapon to a duel at historic Greyfriars cemetery in Perth.

Angus admitted at Perth Sheriff Court to causing fear or alarm by behaving in a threatening or abusive manner in March.

His lawyer Paul Ralph said: "His perception is that he tried to shake Mr Clarke's hand at the funeral and that Mr Clarke refused."

Sheriff Robert Carr deferred sentence for six months.



VANISHED Renee MacRae

OAP murder accused is 'walking dead'

BY DAN BARKER

THE wife of a man accused of murder has told a court he is a "walking dead man" because of his poor health.

Rosemary MacDowell was giving evidence into the trial of her husband, William MacDowell, at the High Court in Inverness.

The 80-year-old, from Penrith in Cumbria, denies murdering his son, three-year-old Andrew MacRae, and the child's 36-year-old mother, Renee MacRae, in November 1976, and disposing of their bodies.

Rosemary, also 80, told defence lawyer Murray Macara KC: "He has a very sick liver, very sick kidneys and his heart is trying very hard to keep him alive."

"He's actually a walking dead man, and he has a DNR (do not resuscitate order) set up already."

The trial continues.

BY JANE HAMILTON
Crime Reporter

A RAPIST and serial domestic abuser "wept like a baby" after he was found guilty of raping and abusing four women over a long period of time.

Rian Hood sobbed as he was remanded in custody to await sentencing for charges including rape, abduction and assault to danger to life.

The 31-year-old is facing a lengthy prison sentence following a trial at the High Court in Elgin this month.

Now, one of Hood's victims has bravely spoken out to call for tougher sentences for men who terrorise their partners.

Jade Doolan told how during their 18-month relationship he banned her from contacting family members, tracked her location using her phone and sexually assaulted her.

She told how cocaine and a gambling addiction turned Hood from a "perfect" boyfriend into a violent control freak.

And she said his weeping after being convicted had helped her heal the mental scars of his abuse.

She said: "I am tortured every day by what he did but I'm pleased he's been found guilty and I hope the courts punish him harshly for the women he has harmed."

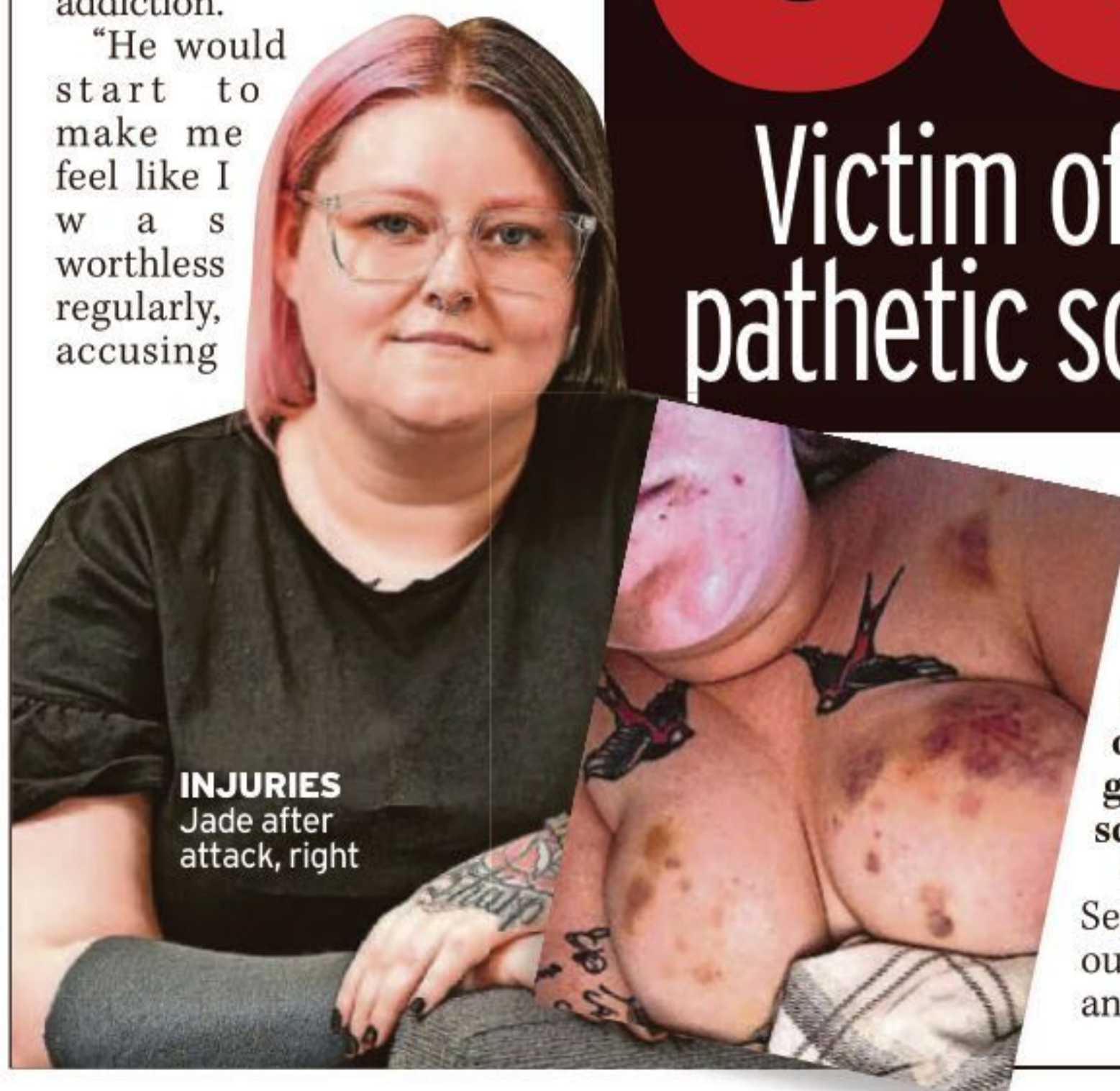
"I was told by another victim who was in court that he'd cried like a baby as he was taken away - I wasn't surprised. I always knew he would react like that. It's called justice."

Jade, who is having counselling for her ordeal, said when they met in the summer of 2018, Hood was caring and attentive, and appeared to be the ideal boyfriend.

But she added: "I found out over the summer that he had lost his job - a fact he tried to hide from me."

"He was also funding a cocaine and gambling addiction."

"He would start to make me feel like I was worthless regularly, accusing

INJURIES
Jade after attack, right

me of cheating on him and demanding my location be on always when we were not together.

"He was either at work (in a new job), on the drink or on his PC playing games or gambling. He broke his PC screen because he lost a bet."

He first attacked her in September 2018, throwing her out their house in her underwear and making her sit in the cold.

She said: "He was in my face screaming at me, there was an ironing board next to me and he picked it up and slammed it into the wall."

"He started screaming at me, calling me stupid for crying, saying 'Look at the f***** state of you, you stupid cow, you caused this'."

"He grabbed me and dragged me out of the house in my bra and threw my jumper after me and slammed the door closed. He

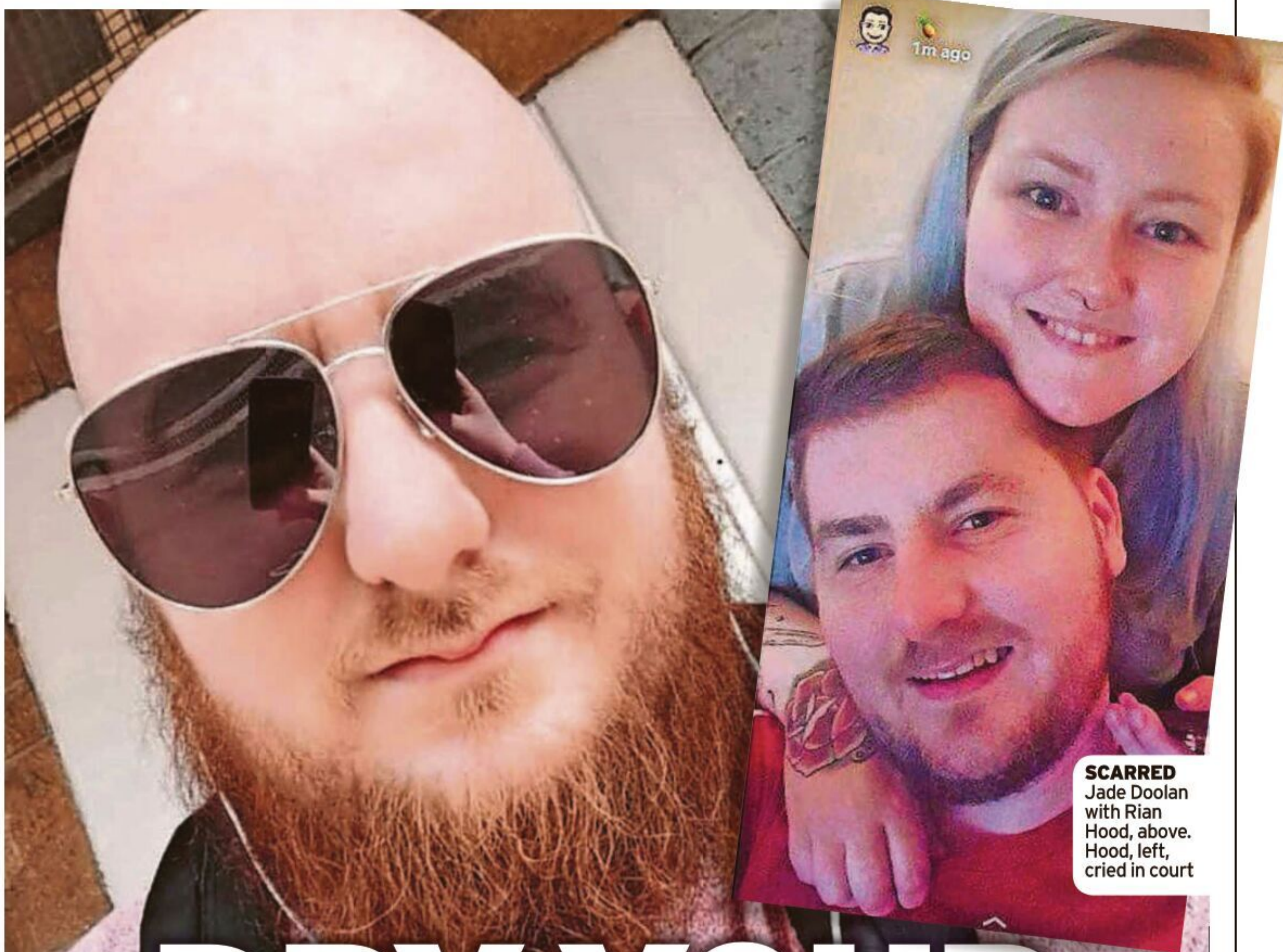
locked me out in this state. After this I was on eggshells."

"He would log into my social media on the way to work and check who I was talking to."

Jade eventually fled to a women's refuge.

Hood beat her savagely on Christmas Eve 2019 - and the police were called, leading to his conviction.

He is due to be sentenced next month.

SCARRED
Jade Doolan with Rian Hood, above. Hood, left, cried in court

DRY YOUR EYES RAPIST .. IT'S CALLED JUSTICE

Victim of violent control freak says abuser's pathetic sobbing on conviction helped her heal

HAS DEATH OF QUEEN

Let the people elect our head of state now

"In years to come, the events of the last week will be seen as the end of an era.

"The late Queen was widely respected but it is very doubtful whether that respect will continue for the monarchy as an institution.

"An increasing number of people, especially younger people, will view the monarchy as a relic of a bygone age. The influence of the monarchy may have waned over the years but it still epitomises an obscene inheritance of wealth and power in the hands of one over-privileged family.

"An unelected head of state is an

DENIS CANAVAN
Former MSP and head of the Yes campaign in 2014.



affront to democracy and I foresee an increasing demand for a written constitution with the head of state elected by the people.

"Under the current unwritten constitution of the UK, it will probably take a long time to bring about democratic modernisation but an independent Scotland will present a better opportunity for further radical constitutional change.

It is worth recalling the Claim of Right agreed by the Scottish Constitutional Convention over 30 years ago.

"It led to the foundation of the present Scottish Parliament, based on the principle of the sovereignty of the people rather than the sovereignty of any monarch.

"Ultimately, the people should decide whether the monarchy should be retained.

"Last week King Charles acceded to the throne with no democratic mandate but he may turn out to be the last king of Scotland."

Country gave back the love that

"On the eve of the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral last year, the Queen published a private photograph of her and His Royal Highness on the hills above Balmoral.

"I thought it was significant that she should choose to release a picture of the two of them at the Highland estate.

"For there is no doubt in my mind that it was here, in Scotland, that the royal couple were at their happiest.

"Over the last few days, her beloved Scotland has been the centre of global attention: first among equals of the nations of the UK.

"I believe the Queen would be pleased that the country where she felt most at home had such an important role to play

GORDON BROWN
Former prime minister



in the commemoration of her life.

"She would be quietly comforted to know the Scottish people turned out in such numbers on the Royal Mile, showing their support for

the monarchy.

"She would also have approved of the dignified service in St Giles' Kirk on Monday which I was honoured to attend.

"And she would have been pleased to see people from all political backgrounds and none set aside their differences for a

TWO WEEKS THAT SHOOK SCOTLAND



THE Queen's death two weeks ago led to a huge outpouring of grief – but it has also sparked a debate on the country's future under a new King. Her passing raises questions about the type of king Charles III will strive to be, whether the UK will retain the monarchy in the long term, as well as the potential impact on Scottish independence. According to a YouGov poll,

BY PAUL HUTCHEON

63 per cent of people believe Charles will make a good king compared with just 39 per cent in March. Only a fifth of those believed he would do a bad job.

The snapshot indicates the public is keen to give Charles the opportunity to serve his country like his late mother did.

A blog by polling expert John Curtice also

provided fascinating insights on the impact on Scotland. Curtice cited two polls that found greater support for the monarchy across the UK – with less support in Scotland.

In a special Daily Record feature, some of the most senior figures in public life have spoken out on the historic events of the past two weeks and what they mean for us.

Inclusivity is the future

SIR GEOFF PALMER Professor Emeritus in the School of Life Sciences at Heriot-Watt University



"In 2014, I had the great honour of meeting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Holyrood Palace. It was the same year that Her Majesty was reported as saying, 'I hope people will think very carefully about the future'. Her Majesty cared about the future of all her people.

"Scottish politicians reminded us of the significant achievements in social justice that have been made during the reign of the Queen and hoped that similar achievements will be made during the reign of her son Charles III. Some of these relate to Race Relations and Equality Acts from 1965 to 2010.

"Sadly, racism still persists in our society but evidence suggests adjustment in our educational system will change attitudes for the better. This adjustment relates to teaching the truth about the prejudices that stated and maintain the racism that denies our "one humanity" and limits inclusion and equality in our society. For the future, equality, inclusion and progress go together."

No impact on IndyRef2

PROFESSOR SIR TOM DEVINE
The Queen's historian in Scotland.



"The death of Elizabeth II has led to an outpouring of national grief across the nation. Indeed the fact that her long life came to an end in Scotland might be seen as her final parting gift to the land she loved so much.

"The monarchy is often seen as one of the bastions of the Union, particularly during the reign of the late Queen who was held in such widespread and high respect. The accession of King Charles, some say, might therefore tilt the balance further towards Scottish independence. I do not share that prognosis.

"The future of Scotland will rather be determined by the conjuncture of political, social and economic forces at the time of a referendum, if there is to be one, and the response of the nation's electorate to these. I doubt historians of the future will see the period of transition to a new head of state as having had a significant impact on the Scottish question."

Work to be done by Union

KEZIA DUGDALE Former Scottish Labour leader and I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here contestant



"What does the death of the Queen mean for Scotland? Fewer than 10 per cent of Scots alive today can remember any monarch other than Queen Elizabeth II. For over 70 years her presence brought a core stability to an otherwise ever-changing Britain.

"In 1953, official records showed just 20,000 people in the UK were people of colour, compared to 7.3million today. Women couldn't have their own bank account. It was still to all intents and purposes illegal to be gay.

"The Elizabethan age has drawn to a close at a tumultuous time for UK and Global politics. Although it would need to be argued with grace, there's an opportunity here for those who want independence for Scotland to argue that everything good about Britain in the Elizabethan era is now too part of history.

"There's a lot of work ahead for those who believe in the benefits of the Union to chart the next chapter in Britain's story and Scotland's place within it."

CHANGED OUR COUNTRY?

she showed us

while and to come together in a shared national moment.

"For I believe she would want the people of Scotland to see her as our nation's great unifier.

"She loved Scotland dearly.

"She loved its landscape and its people.

"The last few days have shown that Scotland loved her too for her strong sense of duty and lifelong commitment to public service."

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There is no doubt it was here they were happiest

GORDON BROWN ON QUEEN AND DUKE

Freedom to protest must remain in place

JOANNA CHERRY
SNP MP



"Because the Queen chose to die in Scotland, we were the centre of the world's attention for several days.

"Sombre and dignified, drenched in atmosphere as well as sun, Scotland shone.

"Whatever your views, monarchist or republican, it would be a cold heart that would not be moved by the pageantry and dignity of the occasion.

"However, notwithstanding the respect shown to the late Queen in Scotland, independence will continue to top the political agenda here.

"While grief at the death of the monarch was experienced across the UK, the significant political and social divergence between Scotland and England that has developed over the last 70-odd years is unchanged and was perhaps accentuated by the rather more restrained response of the Scottish public.

"Whether you are a monarchist or a republican and whether you are pro or anti-independence are separate issues, just as the unions of the crown and the parliaments happened 100 years apart and for different reasons.

"One lesson our country could take from the last few days is that those who wish to peacefully protest their views should be facilitated to do so without over-zealous policing. The founders of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) said, 'freedom of expression is the touchstone of all freedoms'.

"Republicans and indeed others must have space to protest their views in the home of the Enlightenment."

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Republicans and others must have space to protest

JOANNA CHERRY ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



STATE VISIT Charles

King and Macron set to meet in France visit

BY LUCY THORNTON

THE King's first overseas trip could be a surprise visit to France because of his friendship with President Emmanuel Macron.

Plans are reportedly being finalised for King Charles and the Queen Consort Camilla to make the trip within weeks.

It is believed the royal has bonded with the French leader over environmental issues.

The final say on the royal visit is with the Foreign Office but it is understood they are keen to use King Charles to build bridges with our European neighbours post Brexit.

After the Queen's death, Macron delivered one of the most touching tributes to Her Majesty from any world leader.

He said the French people felt "an emptiness" because of her death, adding: "To you, she was your Queen. To us, she was The Queen."

The president added, "The ties between France and the United Kingdom are unbreakable.

"We will continue to strengthen them, following the path laid by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

He said: "We are grateful for her deep affection for France. Elizabeth II mastered our language, loved our culture and touched our hearts."

Days after her death, he spoke to King Charles over the phone to offer his condolences.

Macron confirmed he had issued an invitation to the King to make a state visit to France, saying: "I had the opportunity to invite King Charles to come to France when it is appropriate for him."

Respect Queen had for us must be shown by PM

HENRY MCLEISH
Former First Minister of Scotland.



"The outpouring of grief in Scotland over the loss of Queen Elizabeth II was deep, genuine and richly deserved.

"Her Majesty was a unique head of state who loved Scotland and, more importantly, respected our ancient nation, its traditions and its people.

"King Charles, after a very long apprenticeship, will continue to respect Scotland and he should be given every opportunity to fulfil the role after the passing of his mother.

"The future of Scotland and its relationship and membership of the will be decided in Westminster, not Buckingham Palace or Balmoral. Our new Prime Minister seems to lack the soft power expertise and the diplomacy of our late Queen, and shows no sign of respect or understanding of the idea of four nations politics, including Scotland.

"In her early days, Liz Truss appears to be a cold Thatcher-like figure, a free-market fundamentalist who lacks any sense of history or interest in Scotland, its people or its institutions. More worryingly, she seems to be an unreconstructed centralist.

"Today, Scotland should never be conceived as northern Britain. I hope the new Prime Minister will learn early lessons. King Charles III and the majority of Scots want to remain in the Union, albeit a very different one, but our new PM has to embrace enthusiastically Scotland and drop her ill-judged comments about our nation.

"Scots are by nature proud, sentimental and sincere. We expect more of our new leader at Westminster. To quote Burns: 'Och! I backward cast my e'e, On prospects drear! An' forward, tho' I cannot see, I guess an' fear!'

"Rest in peace, Your Majesty."

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Scotland must not be conceived as northern Britain

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WARNING Eileen McKenna Shortfall of nurses will 'add to crisis'

BY KATRINE BUSSEY

NURSING leaders have spoken of "extremely worrying" figures showing almost 1000 places to study the subject at university are not yet filled.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) said nursing and midwifery had a recommended intake of 4837 students for 2022-23 with data from universities admissions body Ucas showing there were 3850 students who had been accepted on to courses.

Eileen McKenna, the associate director for nursing, policy and professional practice at RCN Scotland, said: "The impact of failing to fill the number of places on nursing and midwifery courses must not be underestimated.

"This will only add to the nursing workforce crisis."



SENTENCED Lee Scales

Driver jailed for car park murder bid

BY JAMES MULHOLLAND

A MOTORIST who tried to murder a pedestrian by dragging his stricken victim around a car park has been jailed.

Lee Scales, 28, drove a red Ford Fiesta at Spencer Brodie outside the Westside Plaza Shopping Centre in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, on April 14 this year.

Judge Lord Sandison saw CCTV footage of the incident as it unfolded.

Yesterday, Lord Sandison told Scales, of Edinburgh, he must go to prison.

Passing sentence, he said: "Your actions were entirely disproportionate.

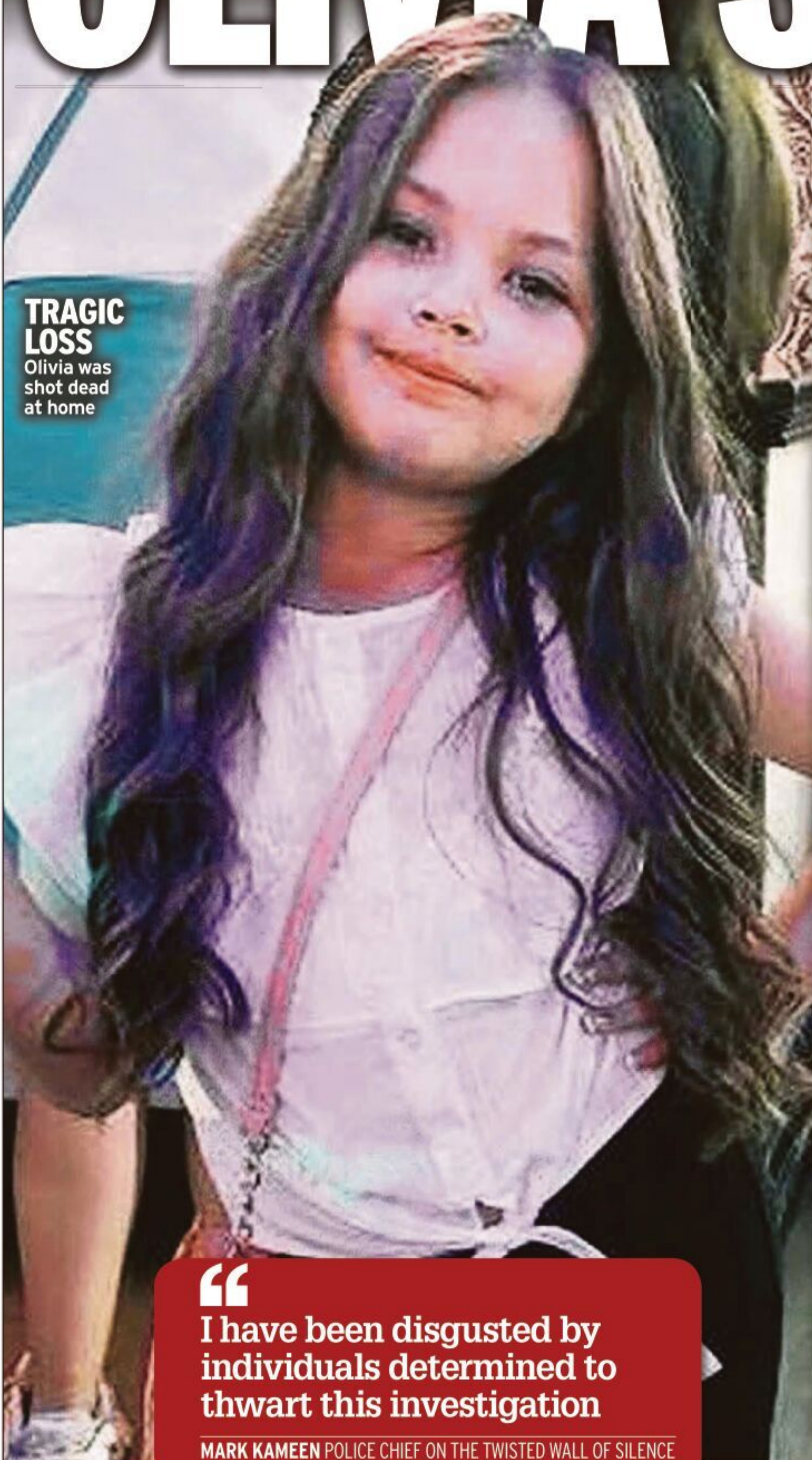
"Mr Brodie has been left with permanent disfigurement and permanent impairment.

"The sentence of the court will be one of five years and eight months."

£200K TO FIND OLIVIA'S KILLER

New info & record reward

TRAGIC LOSS
Olivia was
shot dead
at home



BY STEPHEN WHITE

ONE of two guns from the night little Olivia Pratt-Korbel was murdered had been used twice in previous shootings, police said.

As Crimestoppers offered a record reward of £200,000 to help catch the killer of the nine-year-old, detectives revealed she was hit by a .38 revolver.

A Glock-type self-loading 9mm pistol was also fired in the lead up to the youngster's death in the Dovecot area of Liverpool on August 22. The same weapon was used nearby in January 2020.

A man aged 19 was injured and one of the bullets went through the front door of an innocent resident.

It was used again on August 8 in Dovecot when two rival gangs fired at each other.

Det Chief Supt Mark Kameen, who is leading the hunt for Olivia's killer, again appealed to anyone shielding the thug who shot her and injured her mum Cheryl, 46, to give them up.

Amid a twisted wall of silence among Liverpool gangs, the officer said: "Sadly, and unbelievably, during this investigation I have been disgusted by a small number of individuals who are determined to thwart the investigation, protect the key individuals involved and try and ensure little Olivia and her family do not receive the justice they deserve.

"This just shows the type of people we are dealing with.

"However, they won't be successful,

and we will prosecute them too. Being involved with this gunman and anything to do with this horrendous murder will leave a stain on you for life. I have no doubts that when you are charged and convicted you will be regarded with absolute disgust by your family, friends and communities.

"Your loyalty to this man is utterly misplaced. This man is utterly toxic.

"Nobody wants this man around them or where they live. Some people

may tolerate him through fear but even those people, given the choice, would want him locked away. With your support we can make this happen."

The Crimestoppers reward is the biggest single bounty offered in the charity's history. Founder Lord Ashcroft last week put up £50,000. But he has now doubled that to match £100,000 from a new private donor, making £200,000.

The peer said: "A young life has been lost so we need every effort to find those involved in this appalling killing."

Olivia was shot dead when a gunman burst into her home while chasing drug dealer Joseph Nee. Cheryl was hit in the wrist as she tried to protect her little girl.

Nine people have been arrested in connection with the killing but so far no one has been charged.

Ch Supt Kameen believes the gun used to kill Olivia is still in the Dovecot area, being stored. He added: "I want people to tell us where these guns are."



GENEROUS Lord Ashcroft



APPEAL Ch Supt Kameen

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I have been disgusted by individuals determined to thwart this investigation

MARK KAMEEN POLICE CHIEF ON THE TWISTED WALL OF SILENCE



HUNT Glock 9mm pistol like one used on night of murder. Left, Joseph Nee



Why our new king is all fingers and thumbs with pens

FORGIVE the cynicism, but were the VIP coaches at the Queen's funeral tied in with a King Charles sponsorship deal?

Those must be the fattest fingers in British royal monarchy.

No wonder he struggled so much with that pen.

By the way, I loved the response on Twitter when one of Meghan Markle's critics slagged her for having bare arms at a funeral.

"She's American," said my hero of the week, "she has the right to bare arms..."

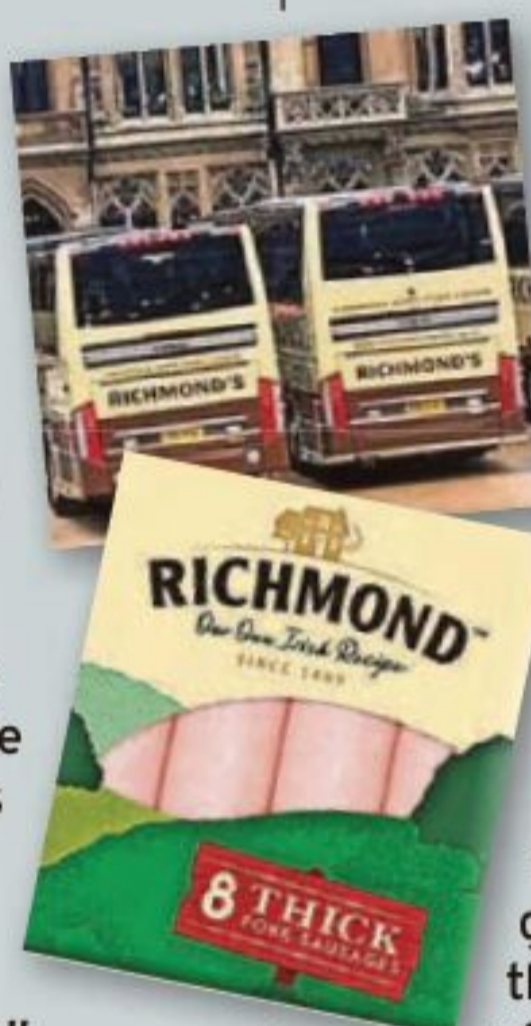
Alas, zero sympathy for Prince Andrew when he shed

a few tears. One critic said: "His mum's £12million cheque must have bounced."

While another suggested: "He's just heard that Pizza Express is closed today."

One other observation: my lip-reading skills are not the best but, near the end of the service, I'm SURE Japan's PM asked US President Joe Biden: "Have you got the postcode for the bowling club after this?"

PS. I'm told that David Beckham was asked if he'd like to skip the queue. "Sounds fun," he said, "but I'll just walk."



SITTING IN A TIN CAN But Lada drivers pimp up their cars too

How to climb the social Lada in a few easy lessons

A MOTHERWELL pal told me that an old guy from our hometown passed away last week - and this guy was apparently well known for driving a Lada with (wait for it) a personalised number plate!

That's fantastic. And it must have taken plenty of guts.

I mean, surely most Lada drivers went ex-directory?

Years ago, one of my mates was invited to The Lada Owners' Christmas Ball. The invitation stated: "Please arrive 7pm for 11.30pm..."

Aye, it's a strange world.

I met someone yesterday who claims to have watched an episode of Piers Morgan Uncensored on Talk TV.

If you think THAT'S crazy, what about the woman interviewed on the radio this week who spent £20,000 on a birthday party for her CAT!

Some moggies can be expensive, of course.

I remember when my wife wanted a Siamese cat... and she told me they cost £4000!

I bought two normal cats and glued their heads together...

SHAWFIELD OF DREAMS

SHAWFIELD Greyhounds, RIP.

I've spent 20 years at the Glasgow dug track, so I was gutted when it was closed last week to make way for a housing development.

However, I cheered up when my pal Bobby told me about the night he took his cousin Beatrice to the dogs.

A complete novice, she put

£1 on Trap 2 in the first race - and it won.

In the second race, she put £1 on Trap 2 - and it won.

In the third race, she put £1 on Trap 2 - and it won.

In the fourth, she put £1 on Trap 5 - and Bobby asked why she wasn't betting on Trap 2.

"Och," she said, "that dog must be knackered by now."



Effing & blinding upset my wee girl ..then we left the house for Fir Park

WHAT did the poor wean do to deserve that?

Could you no' just have sent her to bed without any supper?

Is Childline still on the go? I'm phoning Esther Rantzen...

Yes, folks, that was the predictable reaction on social media last week when I announced I was taking my wee girl to her first ever Motherwell match.

However, none of those cheeky swines could dampen my enthusiasm.

And I must disagree with Sir Lindsay Hoyle (the Speaker of the House of Commons) who claimed that the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen was the most important event the world will ever see.

Sorry mate, but on a strictly personal note, NOTHING will beat watching my wee lassie making her debut at Fir Park.

Sophie was shocked by the language on Sunday afternoon - all that non-stop effing and blinding - and she actually got quite upset.

So me and the wife called a truce and I drove the wean out to the Motherwell game...

(See what I did there?)

She loved every minute of it - not as much as my pal's kid whose first-ever game was the 6-6 draw with Hibs back in 2010! - and that's after a 3-0 defeat.

If the ref had added on half an hour for Hearts' time-wasting (well within reason) and Louis Moulton had scored four, I think that I'd still be scraping her off the ceiling.

(Memo to veteran Jambos goalie Craig Gordon: you're nudging 40, mate, you don't HAVE time to waste!)

Yep, King Louis is back at Fir Park and - as proven by the standing ovation at the final whistle - we're playing some terrific stuff under new boss Stevie Hammell.

In fact, over the next few years, I boldly predict the Motherwell players will have ALMOST as many medals as Prince Edward...

Before the game, I texted Hearts boss



TEAM COWAN Sophie is inducted in all things Motherwell at her first Fir Park match

Robbie Neilson and joked: "I'm taking my wee lassie to her first ever game today. Only a proper heartless b*****d would ruin her day..."

He replied: "You're just about to ruin the rest of her life - so who's the heartless one?" A fair point, well made!

On a day I'll never forget, we nearly missed the kick-off.

Yep, we were queued up at the gate when Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby suddenly jumped in front of us...

Sophie was on her best behaviour (unlike her fellow 11-year-old kids in The Green Brigade, she respected the

minute's applause for the Queen) and I wish I could say the same for the boys I sit next to.

Over the course of the afternoon, I reckon she learned three or four new words - none of which I've begged her to repeat in class - but, to be honest, the bad language has calmed down at Fir Park ever since former boss Graham Alexander got his jotters.

As you'd expect, my inquisitive wee lassie asked plenty of questions.

My favourite? After noticing the Hearts punters were in the south stand while the Motherwell fans occupied the other parts of the ground, she asked:

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My fave funny photos of the week



1 Phil & Holly on the Titanic...

2 Tut-tut. A Royal funeral is NOT the time for taking selfies.

3 Must admit I had a tear in my eye this week when I saw this lovely photo of the first time Keith Richards met the Queen.

4 We asked 100 people to name something to give someone you've not met. You said £12million.

5 The new £1 coin won't be ideal for slot machines.

"Why are the supporters sitting apart, dad... is it in case that they have an argument?"

Ah, the innocence of youth!

Hands up the Motherwell and Hearts fans who remember some of our classic "arguments" back in the early 80s?

Sophie was so engrossed in the game, she didn't even ask for a pie or a hot dog from the food kiosk.

Talk about showing your inexperience? As my fellow 'Well fans will testify, that could easily have resulted in a week off school...

But she did have a few souvenirs to take home: a programme, a team-sheet

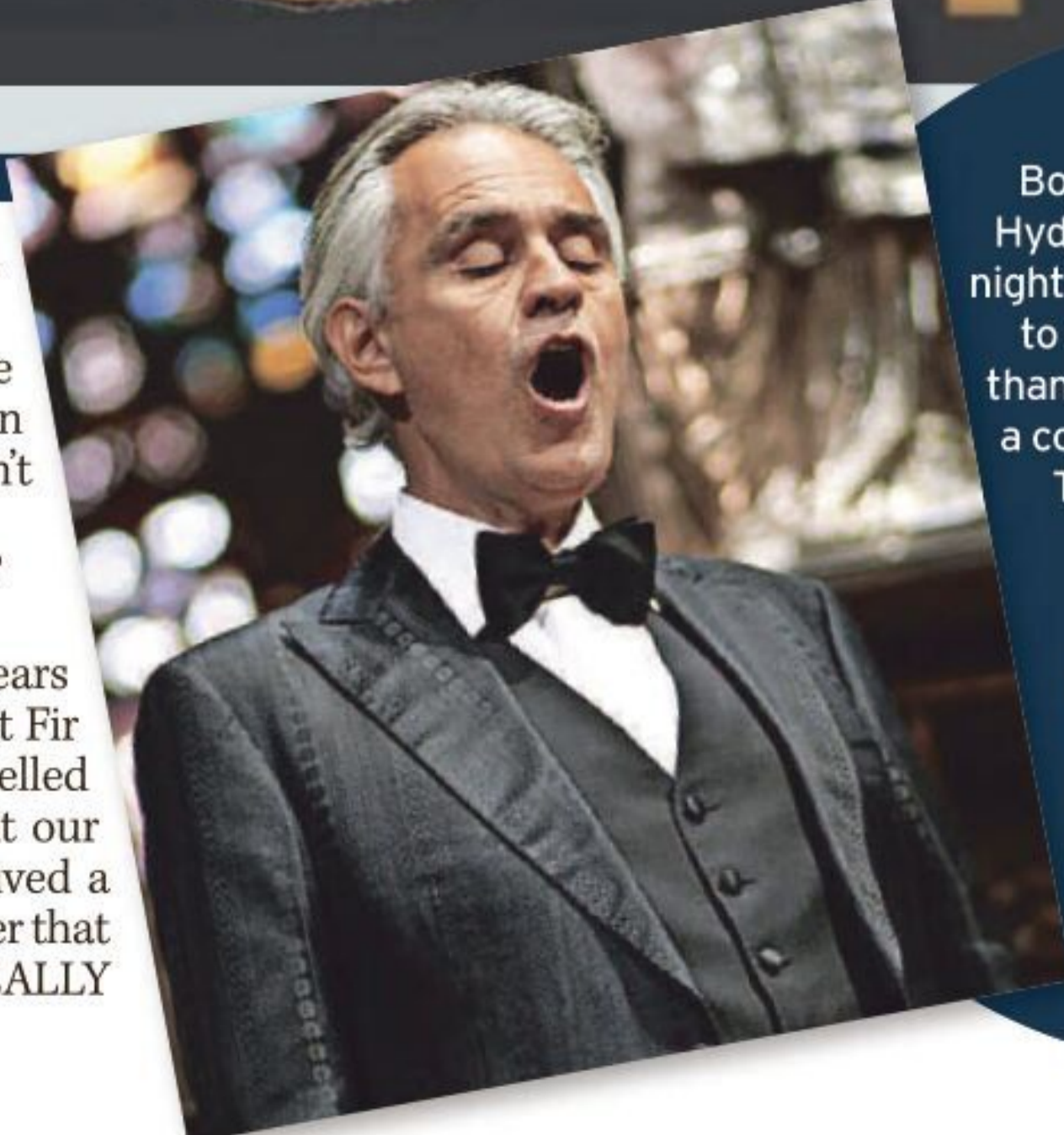
and, probably, a foreboding sense of eternal doom and gloom.

Nah, on a very chatty drive home after the 3-0 defeat, an excited Sophie assured me she can't wait for the next game.

Erm, will you tell her or will I?

Forget it, honey, you're a jinx.

PS. I've heard it for 30-plus years and now, after just ONE game at Fir Park, the same guff is being levelled at Sophie. When I posted about our adventure on Instagram, I received a message literally five seconds later that said: "Aye, but who does she REALLY support...?"



THE great Andrea Bocelli appeared at The Hydro in Glasgow on Tuesday night and tickets were even harder to find than Anthony Stokes. So thanks John and Donna who snaffled a couple of briefs for me and my wife. The big man was in fantastic form - two days later, I've STILL got goosebumps.

I actually thought he was even BETTER than Luciano Pavarotti. Went to see Big Pav in London 20 years ago and - yep, he had a terrific voice - but he was a crabbitt b*****d.

Didn't like you joining in.

Text jokes of the week

● A petition to have Phil & Holly sacked got 20,000 signatures. Or 20,002 as theirs suddenly appeared at the top...

● Diana Ross was slammed for queue jumping. One onlooker told her: "You can't hurry, love. You'll just have to wait."

● How do you milk sheep? Release another iPhone.

● I might sell my John Lennon memorabilia on eBay. Imagine all the PayPal...

● I've decided to marry a pencil. I can't wait to introduce my parents to my bride 2B.

● I should never have bought shoes from a drug dealer. Don't know what he laced them with, but I was tripping all day.

● My wife wants to kick me out as she's fed up with my South American animal puns. "OK," I said, "Alpaca my bags."

● Just opened my electricity bill and my water bill at the same time. I was shocked.

● A man in the pub last night tried to sell me a coffin. I told him that's the last thing I need.

● My wife once told me sex was much better on holiday. Worst postcard I ever received...

● When you hit 50 you realise why they're "wee" small hours.

● I asked my wife if I could have her lighter. She looked confused and said: "But you know I don't smoke." I said: "Aye, but you eat plenty."



JUST EAT Snoop Dogg

Soup Dogg wants a cut

SO, rapper Snoop Dogg is planning to open his own restaurant in Glasgow? The big man will be easy to spot in the kitchen. He'll be the one chopping the onions with a credit card.

And finally

KING Billy fortified wine (16.90% ABV) has been launched to rival Buckfast and I'm sure this will interest my Rangers-daft pal from Airdrie who recently joined a wine club. They meet every morning at 8am in the park.

Pub attacker told to pay £1k to victim

ADAD who glassed another man in a social club has been ordered to pay him £1000 compensation.

Christopher Vale's victim has been left with scars on his face, Hamilton Sheriff Court was told.

Vale, 33, of Grayling Road, New Stevenston, admitted assaulting the man to his severe injury and permanent disfigurement at The Club, High Street, Newarthill, on November 6.

CHILD POVERTY PLEA

Government told to act now to reverse increase



AUDITOR Stephen Boyle

EXPERTS have demanded a new plan to tackle child poverty after figures show an increase since targets were set in 2017.

Audit Scotland's briefing paper said more than a quarter of children were living in poverty before the pandemic and the current cost of living crisis will make the situation worse.

In 2017, Holyrood set statutory targets for the Scottish

BY VIVIANNE AITKEN
Health Editor

Government to significantly reduce four key indicators of child poverty by 2023-24, and then again by 2030-31.

Relative child poverty, increased from an average of 21 per cent across 2011-14 to 24 per cent across 2017-20. In 2019-20,

pre-dating Covid, the latest single-year data indicates that 260,000 children (26 per cent) were living in poverty.

The target for 2023-24 is for relative child poverty to fall to 18 per cent. Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland, said: "Government policy takes time to have an impact on child

poverty and so it is essential ministers also act now to set out options for reaching their long-term targets in 2030."

The Scottish Government said: "We invested an estimated £8.5 billion in supporting low income households between 2018-22, of which £3.3 billion directly benefitted children."



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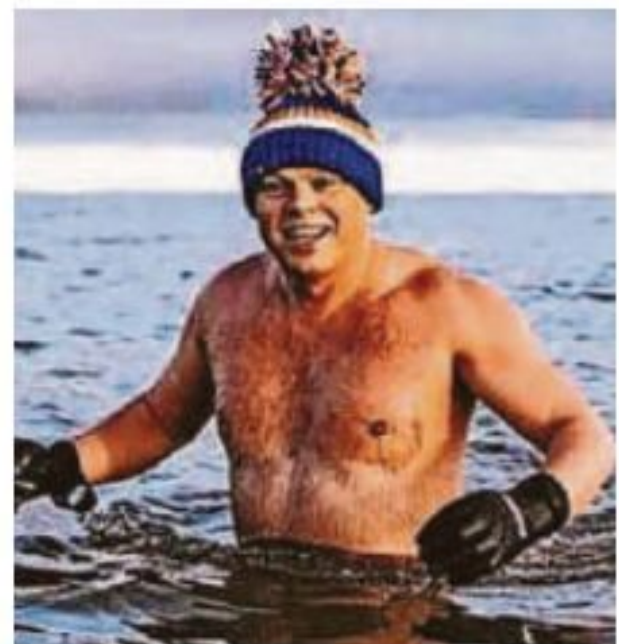


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Blowing in the wind

THE dress may say "Oh No", but her fans will say "Oh Yes" to actress Kate Beckinsale's latest Instagram post, which channels Marilyn Monroe's iconic scene in *The Seven Year Itch* when a draught from the subway caught her by surprise.



CARING AND KIND Douglas

Tributes to tragic wild swimmer, 51

BY IONA YOUNG

A WILD swimmer who drowned at a beauty spot has been described as a "kind" and "generous man".

Douglas Meiklejohn was named locally as the person who died at Tynninghame Beach in East Lothian on Sunday. The 51-year-old, of Edinburgh, had got into difficulty in the water.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Pals of the swimmer paid tribute to him.

David Reilly wrote: "I'm absolutely heartbroken. Douglas was one of the kindest, most generous people I've met. He was caring and a lovely person."

Dominic Berry said: "A good, decent, kind and generous man taken long before his time."

Police said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and a report would be sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

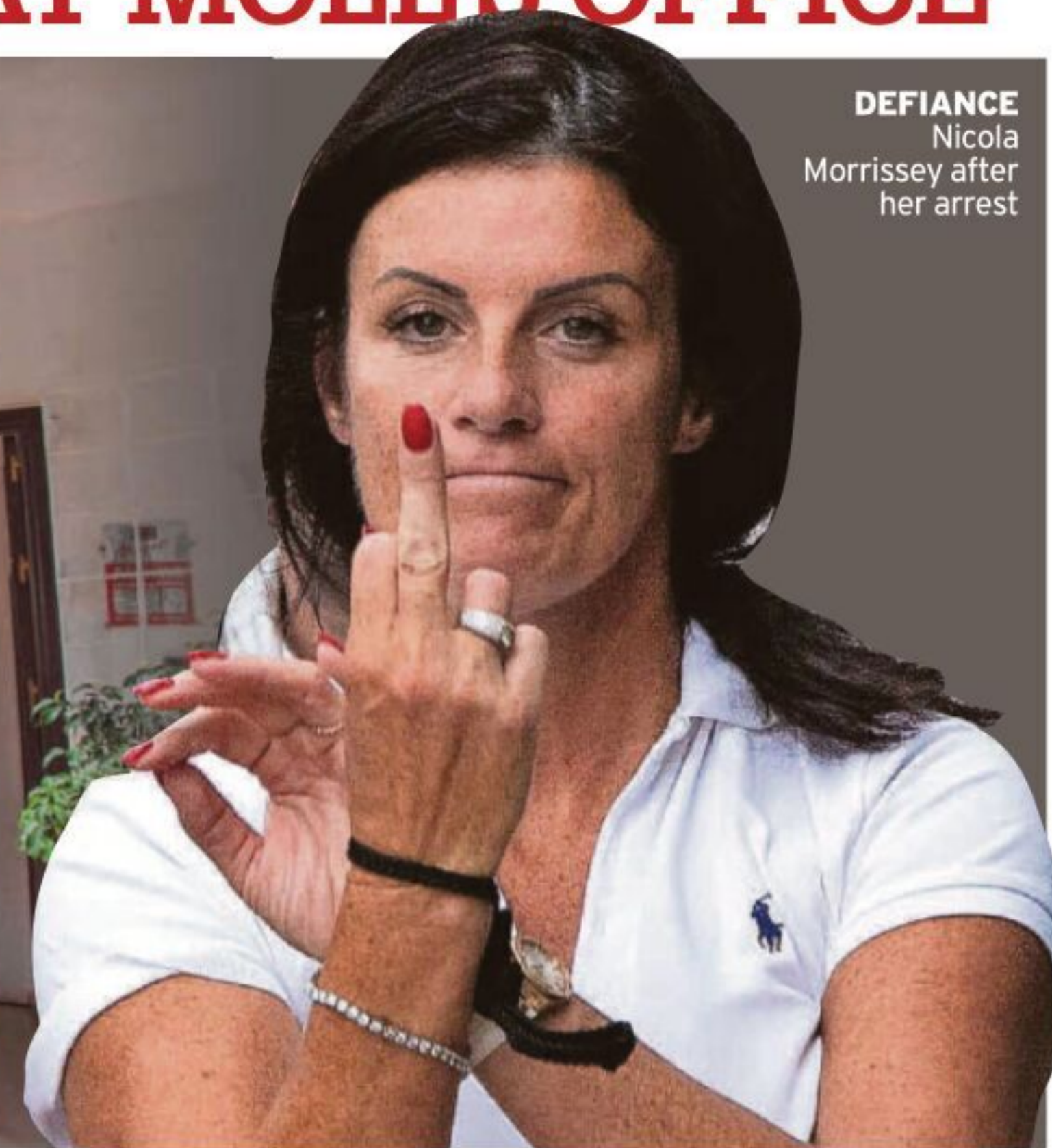
Snow to hit the summits

SNOW could fall on higher ground in Scotland next week, forecasters have said.

The Met Office said there could be snow showers on the hills in the Highlands from Monday.

But from Wednesday temperatures are expected to rise again.

MONEY-LAUNDER PROBE AT MOLL'S OFFICE

DEFIANCE
Nicola
Morrissey after
her arrest

Cop raid vodka queen's 'Hideout' revealed

Scot taken to drinks firm's base after arrest

BY GERARD COUZENS

VODKA queen Nicola Morrissey rented an office for her "dodgy" drinks firm above a bar called Hideout while being hunted by cops.

The Scot, wife of gangland figure Johnny Morrissey, was taken to the workspace near Marbella in handcuffs after the pair were arrested in an armed raid by Spanish police.

Cops told a building boss after finding it locked: "Get here in three minutes or we'll have to break the door down."

Records in Spain show Nicola, 47, CEO of Nero Drinks, which cops say was

a front to cover Johnny's alleged criminal activities, changed its name after he was identified by US authorities in April as a member of the Kinahan cartel.

The Spanish firm was called Nero Drinks Company SL until May when it became Bebidas Espirituales SL – Spiritual Drinks in English.

Sources said yesterday that Morrissey had been removed from the payroll of UK firm Nero Drinks Company after

his "outing" by the Americans. Tenants who wanted to get to Nicola's office had to go past the Hideout bar and cafe.

There is no suggestion the bar owner is involved in any way in any criminality and he said yesterday he was aware of the police operation but had no idea what it was all about.

An insider at the premises said: "Nicola showed her face but Johnny was never around. She seemed a nice lady and always paid her rent on time.

Cops took away some material including computers."

Investigators allege Johnny helped crime gangs launder up to £302,000 a day over the 18 months their probe lasted.

Morrissey, 62, and a British man who has not been named were remanded in custody following a behind-closed-doors court appearance in Marbella last Wednesday.

His wife was released after appearing in court but remains under investigation.

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Morrissey after
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Good news for beavers

BEAVERS will be free to make homes across Scotland's rivers – amid efforts to combat climate change.

NatureScot has announced plans mapping out the places where the animals could live and how the spread will be managed.

Under a 23-year strategy, more than a quarter of a million acres will be marked as potential habitat for beavers.

Experts said beavers play an important role in tackling climate change.

Sex Pistols at Sotheby's

A PRIVATE collection of "extraordinary" Sex Pistols artwork, posters, lyrics and documents will go under the hammer at Sotheby's in London from October 10 to 21 after being exhibited at locations around the world.

The collection was assembled during the 90s by contemporary art dealer Paul Stolper and critic Andrew Wilson.

It features the work of artist Jamie Reid, who designed the band's logo and their instantly recognisable cover art.

TELL KALE SIGN

Babies in womb show disgust when mums eat bitter greens



AFTER KALE

Unborn baby grimaces at flavour



NOTHING Neutral face after no taste



AFTER CARROT

Baby shows a laugh-like reaction to veg

BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

UNBORN babies grimace when their mum eats kale, proving they can taste what she is eating.

Just like most kids, babies pull a "cry face" when exposed to the bitter vegetables, research has shown.

But in ultrasound pictures, babies look

like they are laughing when mum eats a strong carrot flavour, scientists said.

Academics took 4D ultrasound scans of 100 pregnant women for the study.

Scans were done at 32 and 36 weeks to gauge the fetuses' reactions.

The mums-to-be swallowed a 400mg capsule of either carrot or kale powder before each scan. A control group ate no

strong flavours. Durham University postgraduate student Beyza Ustun, who led the research, said: "Our study is the first to see these reactions prior to birth.

"We think this repeated exposure to flavours before birth could help to establish food preferences post-birth."

She added: "It was really amazing to

see unborn babies' reaction to kale or carrot flavours – and share those moments with their parents."

Professor Jackie Blissett, the study's co-author, said the next step was to test whether babies exposed to certain flavours in the womb were more likely to accept them in foods after they were born.

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Coach who threatened to stab nurses walks free

A FOOTBALL coach who threatened to stab two pregnant nurses during a hospital rampage has walked free from court.

Cameron Lorimer – who was previously involved in a cup final rammy and made subject of a football banning order – left the nurses fearing for their lives.

Perth Sheriff Court was told how he caused trouble

BY GORDON CURRIE

in the same ward two days in a row during the height of the Covid pandemic lockdown.

Lorimer, 20, of Perth, admitted acting in a threatening or abusive manner at Perth Royal Infirmary and making violent threats towards nurses Stephanie Jones and Laura Paterson.

He admitted doing it on

July 20, 2020, and then acting in a similar manner the following day after sustaining a suspected head injury or concussion having fallen down stairs at his home.

Sheriff Robert Carr deferred sentence for six months for good behaviour and told Lorimer that if he continued to coach children it would influence his final sentence.



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STRICTLY.. JUDGE LUCKY

Shirley:
'I was so nervous'

HEAD judge Shirley Ballas will never forget her first day on Strictly Come Dancing.

"I will go to my grave remembering the first day," laughed the 62-year-old dance champion, who replaced the legendary Len Goodman in 2017.

"I was more nervous for that than any of the World Championships that I've ever danced in, because when you dance in a World Championship you are familiar with your audience.

"When you go on Strictly, you are in front of a 15million person audience and you don't know what people are going to think about you!

"Fortunately I was accepted and welcomed so warmly by the British public, which I will forever be grateful for, but it was terrifying.

"It has changed my life and I'm beyond grateful to be here, I just love it!"



RUMBA CRUNCHERS
Judges Anton, Shirley, Motsi and Craig

BY RICK FULTON

STRICTLY Come Dancing mainstay Craig Revel Horwood didn't think the show would last three weeks.

But this year the telly favourite celebrates its 20th season and the acid-tongued judge couldn't be happier.

Ahead of tomorrow's launch show where we will find out which celeb will be matched with which pro, Craig, 57, said: "I thought it would last three weeks but I was totally wrong about that.

"It's gone on and won the hearts and minds of the nation.

"I'm very, very lucky to still be involved with the show, and I'm lucky because I also get a front row seat, and it's the best position to sit in!

"We're very, very lucky indeed to have struck upon a format that is not only great for three-year-olds but is also amazing for 93-year-olds."

Craig is joined again by head judge Shirley Ballas, Motsi Mabuse and former professional dancer Anton Du Beke who

has permanently taken over from Bruno Tonioli.

This year's 15 celebs battling for the Glitterball trophy include Kaye Adams, Kym Marsh, Matt Goss, Helen Skelton, Will Mellor and early bookies' favourite James Bye.

They have big (dancing) shoes to fill from last year's winners Rose Ayling-Ellis and Giovanni Pernice.

Craig added: "I can't wait, I'm the only judge that has been there all 20 series,

Nice'n'easy

NEWEST Strictly judge Anton Du Beke has admitted getting "dance envy" watching the pros strut their stuff.

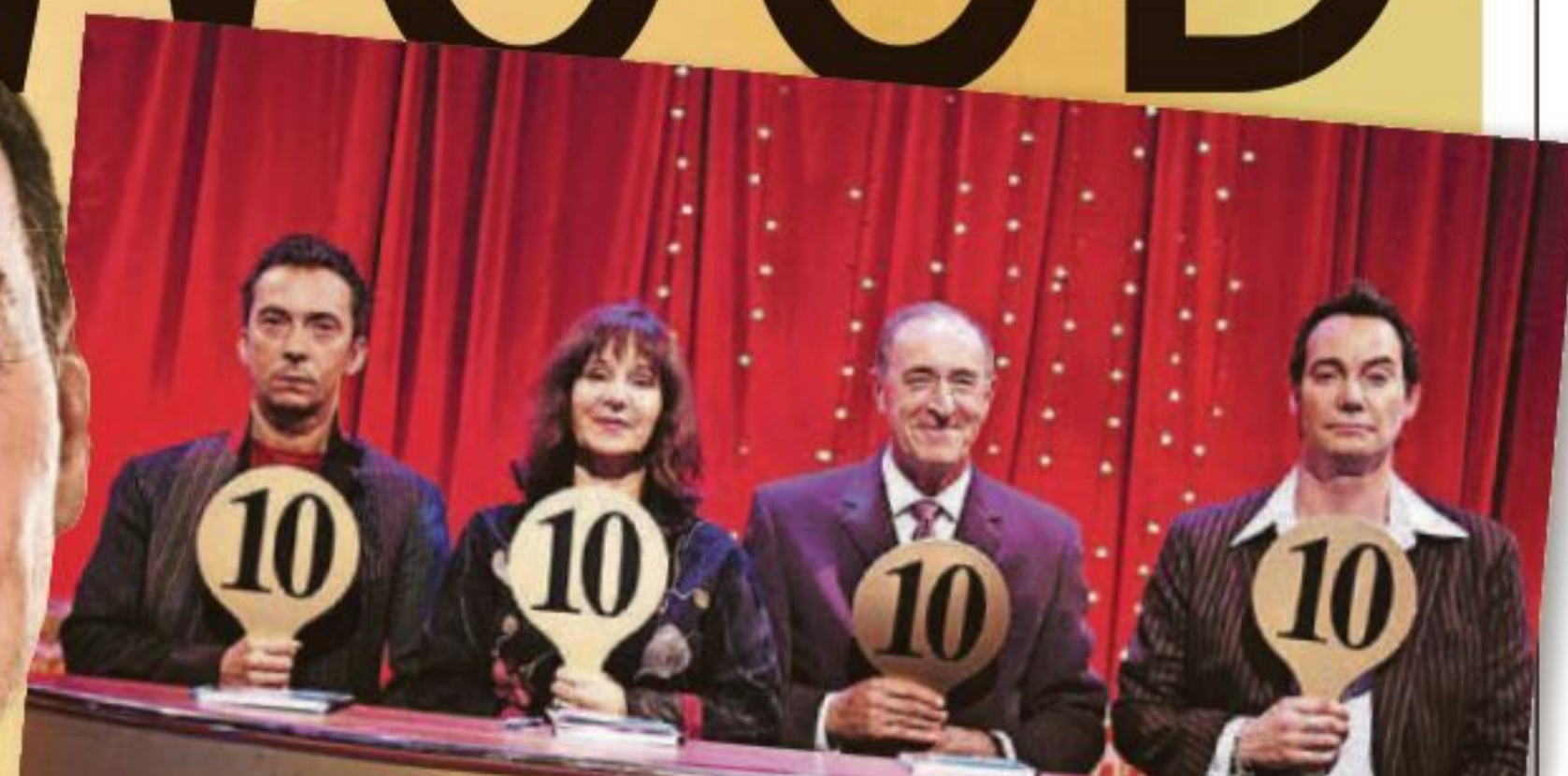
But the 56-year-old joked judging is "easier on the knees"

The fans' favourite, who became a father for the first time in 2017 with twins, was the longest-serving pro dancer before taking over from Bruno Tonioli last year. Many viewers wanted

CRAIG ON LAUNCH OF SEASON 20

DEVIL HORWOOD

Acid-tongued expert can't believe he's still there despite predicting show would be cancelled after three weeks



PERFECT TENS Craig with early panel mates Bruno, Arlene and Len. Below, Jill Halfpenny sizzles in 2004



Motsi's dream dancer Mandela

IT'S no surprise which celebrity Motsi Mabuse would have loved to dance with - Nelson Mandela. The South African dancer, 41, said: "I would dance with Nelson Mandela if I could and I would have so many questions for him. I think because of him, we are able to realise our dreams today." While her younger sister Oti was a Strictly professional before quitting at the start of this year, Motsi, herself a champion dancer, likes watching the action from her seat on the panel as a judge. She joked: "I get to come back every week."

which is pretty amazing. I'm very much looking forward to it, I think it's a fantastic line-up."

The original show in 2004, presented by Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly, was won by Natasha Kaplinsky and Brendan Cole.

But it's the second series Craig remembers best - because it was the first time he gave a 10.

He said: "The contestants themselves treat it really seriously now

rather than it was a little bit jokey in the very first series.

"As soon as Jill Halfpenny danced she set the bar for amazing dancing."

His standout dance was Jill's jive in the final.

He added: "She stood out because she was incredible, it was the first 10 that I ever gave."

While Aussie-born Craig was a professional ballroom dancer and is now a renowned choreographer he's

never wanted to be a Strictly pro. He said: "No, never. It's really hard work they're in 10 hours a day, every day, seven days a week."

Instead Craig is known, and feared, for his often cutting put-downs about the celebs' dancing.

He said of Rachel Riley, "I thought you were wriggling around like a slug in salt", to Heather Small, "the only good thing about that for me was the end" and he called politician Ann

Widdecombe a "dancing hippo". They became pals and did panto together.

Craig loved their banter but the barbed comment that stays with him was to Quentin Wilson who he dubbed "Britain's worst dancer".

● Strictly's launch show is tomorrow, BBC One at 7pm. The first live show where couples dance for the first time is on Saturday, BBC One at 6.45pm.

SPECIAL Last year's Strictly winners Giovanni Pernice and Rose Ayling-Ellis



does it for Anton now he's off the floor

him to take over from Len Goodman when the original judge quit in 2016 then in 2019 when Darcey Bussell left.

He laughed: "I do watch some of the pros do the numbers and get a bit of dance envy. But judging is so much easier on the knees."

Anton finished third with Lesley Garrett in the first show in 2004.

He admitted no one knew what to

expect. "It was a brand-new show," he pointed out, "and the most exciting thing for me was to be working with Bruce Forsyth, he was my absolute hero."

"To be able to dance on television on a Saturday night was something I never thought we'd be able to do."

"It was a dream really and the dream continues. I just absolutely love it now as much as I did 20 series ago. I feel

honoured to have been on the show since the beginning and to now be on the judging panel."

While he never won a series, Anton was given what he calls his career highlight when he and Sir Bruce did song and dance routine Me and My Shadow. He said: "I can't tell you how grateful I am to Strictly and Bruce for that."



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BACK David Duguid MP

TORY'S OLD JOB RETURN

CONSERVATIVE MP David Duguid has been made a junior minister in the Scotland Office – a year after leaving a similar role.

The Banff and Buchan MP had been a minister in the UK Government department from

June 2020 to September 2021 but left to become a fisheries envoy for then prime minister Boris Johnson.

Duguid said yesterday that he was “honoured” to have been made a Scotland Office minister again.



INDY DIVIDE 'STRONGER THAN EVER'

Poll: Country more polarised than 2012

BY CHRIS MCCALL

SCOTS are “more polarised than ever” on independence, a new poll shows.

The annual British Social Attitudes survey found that divisions on constitutional reform have grown over the past decade.

While 82 per cent of SNP voters are now firmly for independence, only five per cent of Conservatives are.

The gap between supporters of the two parties on the issue has grown from 46 percentage points in 2012 to 77 points today.

It comes as Nicola Sturgeon pushes forward with plans to



BREAK-UP PLAN Sturgeon

hold an IndyRef2 in October next year – if Supreme Court judges rule that Holyrood has the legal authority to stage it.

The case will be heard in London next month.

The survey also found that when asked to choose between independence, devolution and no Scottish

Parliament, 52 per cent of Scots favoured independence – up from 23 per cent in 2012.

Polling expert professor John Curtice said: “Supporters of the major parties are more polarised than ever over the question of how Scotland should be governed.

“That will not make it easier to secure widespread assent to whatever outcome emerges from the current debate.

“Far from representing a set of conventions and procedures on which most people agree, the UK’s constitution appears at risk of becoming a political battlefield on which the parties seek electoral advantage.”



Bite bigger than hoped

THIS amazing picture shows the moment a cormorant enjoyed a fish supper – as it swallowed a whole plaice in

one go. Darren Dawson, 50, from Dundee, pictured the bird eating the fish in the Eden estuary in Fife.



STIRRING IT UP From left, Danny, Lisa and Mel are out to win the title in tonight's show

MasterChef 3 last the course

MCFLY'S Danny Jones, presenter Lisa Snowdon and All Saints' Mel Blatt have promised to rustle up a

Celebrity MasterChef final to remember this evening. The show is on BBC1 tonight at 8.30pm.

Dad: 'I found missing Clyde mascot in skip'

He denies taking home Games favourite

A MAN told his wife he found a Commonwealth Games mascot in a skip and took it home as his children would "love it", a court heard yesterday.

Kevin Maguire, 39, is accused of taking the life-size statue of Clyde to his home in Glasgow's Drumchapel between May and July 2021.

Maguire is on trial at Glasgow Sheriff Court, where he pled not guilty to the single charge of theft.

His wife Lisa Marie told the court she took a call from her husband in May 2021.

She said she was told by him that he found the 2014 Games statue in a skip near a pub in the city's Govan that his firm was renovating.

Lisa Marie, 35, told prosecutor Jennifer Sillars: "He said the kids will love it."

Lisa Marie said the statue was kept on the street before being put in the back garden.

When she was visited by the police months later, she told them: "I didn't know it was stolen." The trial continues in January next year. Maguire was bailed.

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TROLLED Holly and Phil

ITV BACK HOLLY & PHIL

ITV is rallying around distraught This Morning hosts Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield amid "real and serious" concerns over the pair's "relentless" trolling.

Channel bosses have pledged their full support to the duo who were falsely accused of skipping the queue to see the Queen lying in state.

Sources close to Holly says she has no intention of stepping aside from a job she loves as she and

Phil weather the storm. A TV source said: "The abuse has been nothing short of disgusting, not least as they have done nothing wrong and were fully entitled to media accreditation so they could inform their viewers."

"There is huge, real and serious concerns over their wellbeing and ITV are fully supporting them behind the scenes in the face of such relentless trolling. The channel backs them 110 per cent."

Third of teens struggle with mental health

NEARLY a third of British teenagers are struggling to cope with their mental health and social pressures.

A poll of 1000 youngsters found 31 per cent have struggled with their mental health, having felt that way for an average of more than two years.

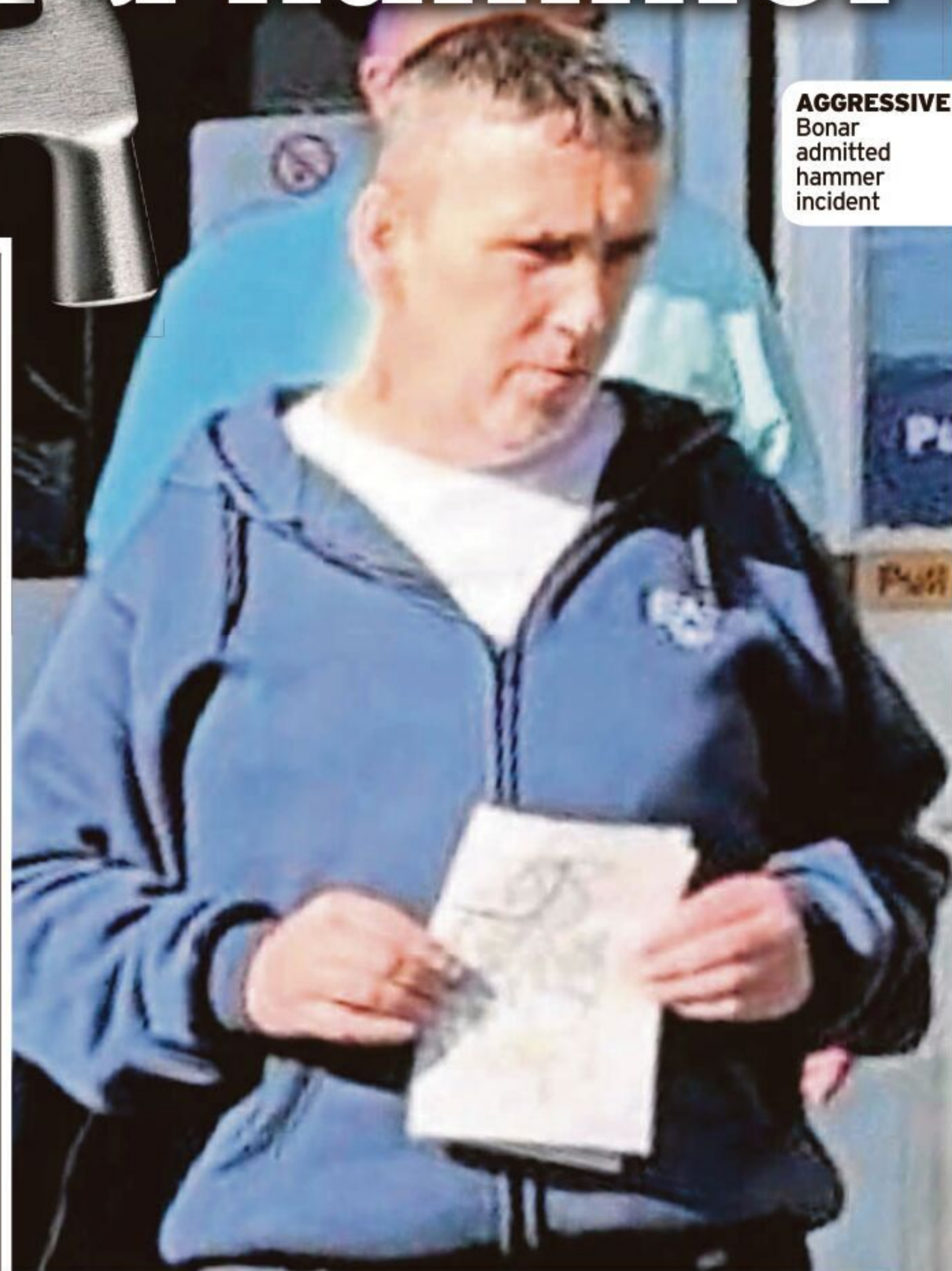
And 56 per cent regularly feel anxious, with social media and the rising cost of living blamed. The average teen feels anxious for nine days each month.

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Weapon-toting father, 49, walks free from court just days before wedding

A BRIDE'S father faces an awkward speech - after he admitted brandishing a hammer at the groom days before his daughter's wedding.

Paul Bonar was allowed to walk free from court before the wedding this weekend, where his victim is set to become his son-in-law.

Solicitor Billy Somerville, defending, told Perth Sheriff Court yesterday that an "unidentified male" who had also been shouting was "set to marry Mr Bonar's daughter this Saturday".

He added: "I certainly hope things proceed better than they did on this particular day."

Bonar, 49, admitted shouting and acting aggressively while brandishing the hammer above his head near his home in Perth on August 7 last year. He also admitted having a weapon.

Fiscal deputy Matthew Kerr told the court: "At 1pm a witness heard what they perceived to be a disturbance and that caused them to look out of the window."

"When he did that, he saw the accused

BY GORDON CURRIE
reporters@dailyrecord.co.uk

leave his home address and walk out into the street, pulling at his trousers.

"The accused seemed to remove a hammer from his back right pocket and brandished it above his head. Another witness heard him shouting."

"They saw him with the hammer clearly emerging from his pocket as he approached an unidentified male."

"Police were contacted and traced the accused at his home address. He was arrested and made no reply to caution and charge."

Sheriff Robert Carr said: "Anyone would have been fearful and alarmed at what happened on that particular day."

"I have considered very carefully what's been said on your behalf. I am satisfied this is serious enough for a community payback order to be imposed as a direct alternative to custody."

Bonar, of Perth, was ordered to carry out 135 hours' unpaid work.

Accused was seen brandishing a hammer above his head

FISCAL DEPUTY
MATTHEW KERR



THOUGHTFUL Dr Mushtaq

Doctor steps up to help Pakistanis

BY LEONA GREENAN

A LEADING doctor is planning to walk 60 miles this weekend to raise money for the flood victims of Pakistan.

Dr Farhat Mushtaq, a consultant in emergency medicine at Hairmyres Hospital in East Kilbride, will put her best foot forward in her home town of Hamilton and around nearby Strathclyde Park in Motherwell.

She plans to take 102,458 steps, representative of the recent devastating floods which have submerged a third of Pakistan (102,458 square miles) with further rainfalls predicted.

The money raised will be given to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Pakistan Floods Appeal.

Dr Mushtaq said: "Each donation counts, no matter what size. Anyone wishing to join me for part of the walk is very welcome."

McLean sets starry price

THE handwritten lyrics to Don McLean's 1971 song Vincent are to be auctioned in November for around \$1million (£880,000).

The song, which opens with the words "Starry, starry night", is a tribute to artist Vincent van Gogh.

You're having a giraffe



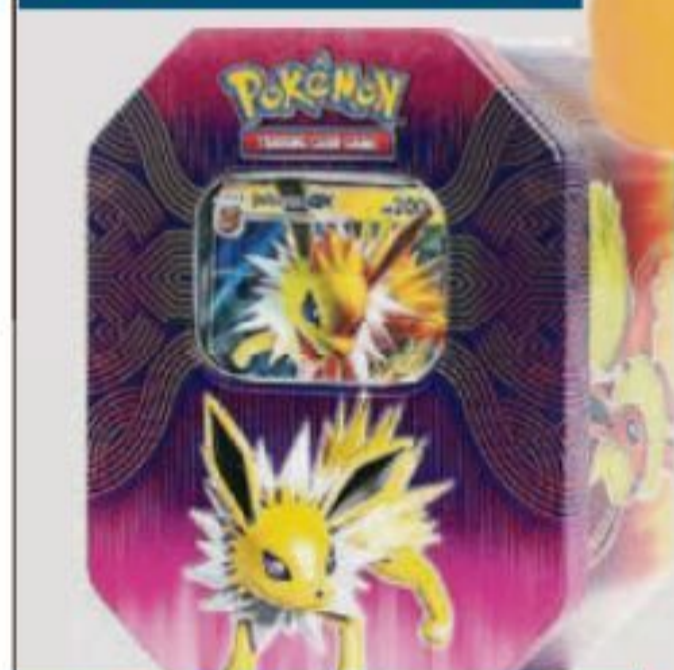
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Dancing toy tops kids' Christmas pressie wish list



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Lego Technic McLaren F1 £170



Squishmallow cuddly toy £18

BY RUKI SAYID

A QUIRKY dancing giraffe is being tipped as the Christmas must-have by toy experts.

With less than 100 days to go, disco diva Gigi is set to be a sell-out with its slick moves to music, according to pundits at Argos.

The £30 Jiggly Pets toy was unveiled yesterday by the catalogue giant as one of its top Xmas picks.

While a Chad Valley dinosaur bath toy is the cheapest gift for £10, Lego Technic's McLaren F1 replica car costs a whopping £170.

Argos said the car had been made in partnership with McLaren and included the finest details from the V6 cylinder engine and moving pistons to sponsor stickers "like those seen on a real F1 race car".

Toy box veterans Hot Wheels, Barbie and Nerf blaster also make the wish list for Santa along with soft toy newcomer Squishmallow.

Film spin-offs including a Harry Potter Ministry of Magic Lego set for £90 and a Paw Patrol rescue truck at £18 are also likely to fly off the shelves.

According to Argos, retro Pokemon card tins for £19 are poised for a comeback as they have been given a modern twist.

Fay Williams, head of toy buying at Argos, said: "This year's top toy list is a great mixture of classic and much-loved toys such as Lego as well as newer brands like Squishmallows, which have quickly become wish-list staples.

"With the cost of living on customers' minds, we wanted to make sure that over half of our top toys were under £50, so parents can still make this time of year special without spending beyond their means."

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Face mask detects virus

SCIENTISTS have developed a face mask that can detect breathing viruses including coronavirus, swine flu and influenza.

The face covering notifies wearers via a mobile phone app 10 minutes after its sensor comes into contact with airborne pathogens.

Lead author Dr Yin Fang, of Shanghai Tongji University, said: "Our mask would work really well in spaces with poor ventilation, such as lifts or enclosed rooms, where the risk of getting infected is high."

Store recalls baby blanket

HIGH-STREET retail chain TK Maxx has issued an urgent recall for one of its baby products over fears it could pose a danger.

The store has announced a recall for its Queenswest Trading Co Baby Blanket over "entrapment, strangulation and choking" fears.

Customers are being urged to return it to their nearest branch.

The blanket is available in beige and blue, each with a different code – Blue 714010 and Beige 714015.

ACCUSED SAYS HE'S VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY

Conman 'duped \$1m out of Hollywood victims'



CLAIM Tahilramani allegedly pretended he worked for Hollywood director Christopher Nolan, right

AN alleged fraudster dubbed the "con Queen of Hollywood" has told a court he is the victim of a conspiracy by US prosecutors who want to make films out of his life story.

Hargobind Tahilramani, 42, allegedly impersonated well known Hollywood figures to dupe more than 300 victims out of more than \$1million by offering non-existent work in the film business.

He allegedly pretended to be executives, including producers working for The Dark Knight

Man 'impersonated movie bosses'

BY HENRY VAUGHAN

director Christopher Nolan and American film producer Megan Ellison, during a seven-year scam.

While impersonating billionaire Jean Pritzker, Tahilramani even offered "sexual favours" to a victim, Westminster Magistrates' Court heard.

US entertainment industry professionals – including actors, screenwriters and photographers – were allegedly persuaded to travel to Indonesia at their expense for non-existent projects before being charged exorbitant expenses, which were

never repaid. Tahilramani was arrested following an FBI investigation on November 25, 2020, in a £60-a-night Aparthotel in Manchester, where he had allegedly claimed to be a "writer for Netflix".

He is fighting extradition to the US where he faces eight charges, including conspiracy to commit wire fraud, two counts of wire fraud – which each carry a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment – and five counts of aggravated identity theft, carrying a maximum penalty of two years each.

Joel Smith, representing

the US government, said yesterday that Tahilramani, was the "mastermind" of a conspiracy to defraud more than 300 victims out of more than \$1million between 2013 and August 2020.

Giving evidence, Tahilramani claimed he was the victim of a conspiracy orchestrated by US prosecutors.

Asked why, he replied: "To sell the podcast. Because I'm an interesting person. They want to make films out of me, they want to make television."

The hearing continues today.

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GREAT BRITISH WEIGHT OFF

Cake shop owner Abby sheds 7 stones and isn't tempted by her own creations

BY ELLIE FORBES

A CAKE shop owner who would cry when she looked in the mirror has lost a whopping seven stone - and said she isn't tempted by her sweet treats.

Abby Redmond, 25, tipped the scales at 21st last year after gorging on four takeaways a week and said she would panic about not being able to fit into booths at restaurants.

She said she hit rock bottom when she went swimming and burst into tears when she saw herself in the costume - and knew she had to make a change.

Cake baker Abby found a personal trainer and committed to eating 1800 calories a day as well as lifting weights and has slimmed down to a size 12.

Abby said she isn't tempted by the cakes in her shop because the meals she eats now are never boring.

Abby, from Glasgow, said: "A gym opened up across the road from my cake shop and I thought right this is my chance, there is no hiding from it now."

"I was eating four takeaways a week."

"I would have a McDonalds for lunch and then order something else for dinner."

Abby, who owns Abby's Cakes & Cupcakes, now goes to the gym five days a week and eats 140g of protein a day.

She said: "I won achievement of the year at the Scottish Health and Fitness awards and my trainer who owns The Wee PT won best female PT."

Before:

BREAKFAST - fry-up made with oil, full fat sausages, bacon, potato scones, white bread.

LUNCH - fast food, McDonald's.

DINNER - Indian or Chinese takeaway.

After:

BREAKFAST - healthy fry-up in the air fryer, bacon medallions, low fat sausages, mini hash browns, eggs, mushrooms, tomato, beans.

LUNCH - protein bagel thin with sliced cold meat.

DINNER - fakeaway mayflower chicken curry with plenty of onions, spring onions and peppers.

NO HIDING PLACE Abby joined a gym after seeing herself at a swimming pool

WEIGH TO GO Abby, above, before weight loss. Right, exercise has helped her

BMI is a real waist of time

SCRUTINISING a person's body mass index (BMI) should be ditched in favour of examining how fat they are round the middle, research suggests.

Data presented at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes in Stockholm found that waist-to-hip ratio is a much better predictor of early death than looking at BMI.

It comes after the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) said in April that people should ensure their waist measurement is less than half their height to keep health problems at bay.

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WHEN Nadiya Hussain was in the midst of the gruelling 10-week culinary challenge that is the Great British Bake Off, there was one family member who had no interest in sampling her flavourful creations and elaborate showstoppers.

"My mum is very basic. If I make her cake, she likes to call it 'no flavour'," Nadiya grinned on a Zoom call from her home in Milton Keynes, explaining that her Bangladeshi parents didn't grow up eating chocolate bars or sweets.

"My dad used to buy us apples as a treat. I'm like, 'Dad that's not a treat.'"

The other reason the novice baker kept her TV secret under wraps seven years ago was to avoid her mother's opinions. She said: "I grew up in a family where they do not mince their words. If your food doesn't taste good, [my mum] will chuck it in the bin. So yeah, I didn't tell her because I didn't need her criticism on top of being judged by judges."

It's not a huge surprise, then, that the mum of three (she shares sons Musa, 16, and Dawud, 15, and daughter Maryam, 12, with husband Abdal) wasn't in the habit of blowing her own trumpet, but that's gradually changing.

Luton-born, she was living in Leeds and studying to become a social worker when her husband printed out a Bake Off application form in 2015.

She admitted: "At the very beginning of my career, I felt quite timid."

Now, after nine TV cookery series (and a new one out this November), seven recipe books, three children's books, a novel and a memoir, the author said: "I'm getting better at not being so self-deprecating and saying, 'Absolutely, this is my career.'"

The 37-year-old's latest recipe collection (and BBC series), Nadiya's Everyday Baking, is all about "celebrating the oven and saying, you know what, let the oven do the work".

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My mum is one tough cookie critic

Nadiya Hussain tells **Katie Wright** why she kept Great British Bake Off appearance secret from her mother



SMILES BETTER
Nadiya and new book

brownies and biscuits: "Often when people think baking in the oven, they think just sweet treats – that's not the case. Savoury bakes, dinners, midweek meals, lunches, you name it – you can pretty much do everything in the oven."

Recipes include honey-drizzled baked feta, crusted seabass and one-pot noodle dishes, plus indulgent blondies, pies (and one with a chocolate chip cookie dough crust and hazelnut filling), and orange semolina cake – the only kind Mum likes.

Nadiya may be international in her

foodie outlook but faces narrow-minded abuse online on account of her background.

She said: "I'll hear words like 'foreigner' and really not very nice things. That always really upsets me because I don't think other people in my position who perhaps are publishing books would have the same sort of hurdles as me to jump."

"I get questioned about my colour, about my faith, about my political stance."

At the heart of everything for Nadiya is her family and she has had particular reason to reflect on that following the death of her sister-in-law, Ramana, 34 – who was diagnosed with stage four cancer in January.

She said: "What my brother-in-law always says is just don't be shy. Talk to someone, talk to them fast and get their attention."

● Nadiya's Everyday Baking is out now.

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BY EMMA JOHNSON

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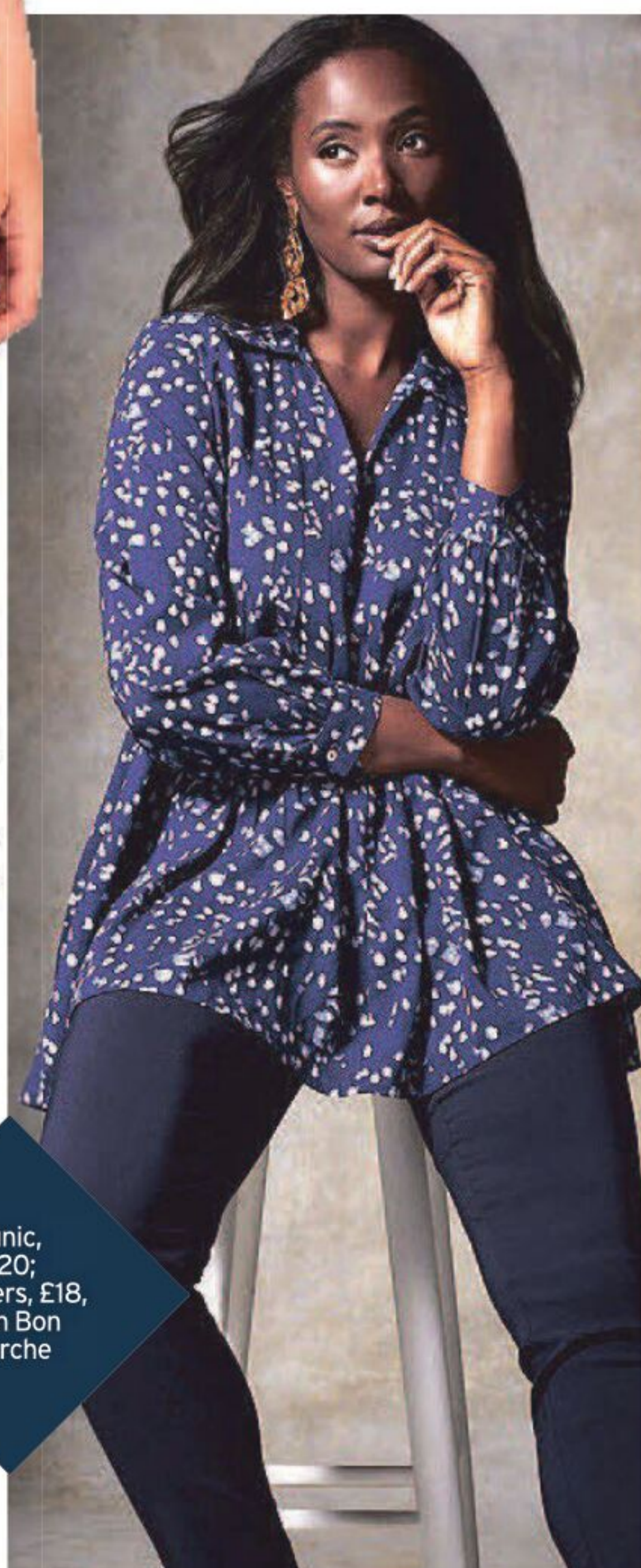
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Dear Coleen..

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Husband left out of blue to shack up with workmate

Dear Coleen

I SPLIT from my husband when our daughter was only a year old. It happened a few months ago and, at the time, I was utterly devastated.

He told me how he felt one Saturday morning after we'd had sex the night before. I couldn't believe what I was hearing – I was just so shocked.

He kept going on about "finding himself" and being "truly happy", and that he'd always be here for our daughter and for me, but he didn't want to be in the marriage.

He said he should have trusted his instincts and ended things before we married, but he loved me and thought it could work. His reasons were all pretty vague and were all news to me.

Fast forward to now and I'm slowly getting back on my feet. However, I've just been dealt another blow, as I've found out my ex is shackled up with a woman he works with.

We're not even divorced and we've only been separated a few months.

I now think they'd been having an affair and that was the real reason for him leaving.

I'm so angry and hurt, and don't know what to do with these feelings. Do I go round there and confront them to get the truth? Please help.



Coleen says

I DON'T see the point in that – the truth is staring you in the face. But whether or not he started this affair before you split, it's happened, they're together and those are the facts.

Of course you're going to feel angry and hurt, and this revelation has opened a wound, but you've had lucky escape. He's shown what kind of person he is – untrustworthy, unreliable, cowardly – and you deserve better.

Whatever his reasons, whatever his excuses, it's done and the only thing that will make you feel better is to move forward positively. Yes, there

will be days when you want to smash the house up and that's completely normal.

You could get those feelings out in counselling. You could also write him a letter, so he at least knows how you feel but, honestly, the best form of revenge is getting happy. I think you've come a long way in getting over him, but you're just angry right now.

As long as he sticks to his commitment to be there for your daughter, that's the main thing. Don't use her as a way of hurting him – it's an easy thing to do, but so wrong. In the long run it's better for everyone that she has a close and loving relationship with her father.

“Do I go round and confront them to get the truth?”

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STV, 7.30pm

DAWN is feeling really anxious ahead of the visit from social services but it's not long before she's beaming at the news that Clemmie is going to be staying. However, rushing over to the sound of a scream, they're horrified when it seems Clemmie has bitten Millie. Faith has another episode and Chas is put out to hear this isn't the first time this has happened. Faith quietly fights tears as her children bicker over her illness and draw up a plan to "babysit" her.



DATE Kheerat is urged to go to the opening

EASTENDERS
BBC1, 7.30pm

IN AN hour-long visit to Albert Square tonight, Frankie tells Callum about her fears over moving to Scotland. And she watches as Sonia urges Janine to tell Mick about the pregnancy. Rocky tries to contact Dotty but it gets awkward at the Taylor household as Felix and Finlay see that Dotty stayed the night. Later on, Mick prepares for Linda's hearing and Linda opens up to Sharon about her feelings for Mick. Eve and Stacey encourage Kheerat to attend the opening of Walford East.

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EMMA WILLIS: DELIVERING BABIES
W, 9pm

IT feels like the first day back at school again for Emma Willis, who returns to life delivering babies at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. "When I get there the butterflies will kick in and I'll panic but at least this time I'll be going in with a bit of knowledge," says the mum of three. There is far less glamour on a

maternity ward than as a prime time entertainment TV presenter. But it was Emma's childhood dream to follow in her mum's footsteps – and she started training as a maternity care assistant in 2018 in the first series of this documentary before qualifying during the 2019 series. So you have to hand it to her that she is in this for all the right reasons. Emma has not been to the hospital for three years due to the pandemic

and has spent a lot of time thinking about the staff. "The fear at the beginning was unbelievable," says practice development midwife Claire. Within five minutes Emma is crying as she sees all her old colleagues again in Harlow, Essex. But births don't wait for tearful reunions, so it's straight back on the ward. Emma will assist in everything

from high-risk caesareans to working on postnatal wards. There's lots to remember and she's given a refresher on the jobs she'll soon be expected to do alone, like carrying out the pre-operative checks and monitoring blood loss. She is also asked to assist in theatre – but having been away for a while, she finds it challenging. "It's like riding a bike," says a theatre support worker. Emma isn't so sure.



PRESSURE COOKING
For finalists Danny, Lisa and Mel

CELEBRITY MASTERCHEF: THE FINAL
BBC1, 8.30pm

THERE have been kitchen fires, a lot of panic and fare so revolting it's a wonder that John Torode and Gregg Wallace haven't ended up with food poisoning. After the usual long haul to the final, 20 celebrities have now been whittled down to just these three – TV host Lisa Snowdon, singer Mel Blatt and musician Danny Jones. Just one challenge stands between them and the trophy. The three finalists must now cook and present a faultless three-course

meal in just two hours for the ultimate judgment. No one will get away with offering up a basic dish. On the menu is everything from steak tartare and crispy fried prawns to dumplings filled with bananas, mackerel with rhubarb and a cocoa tart. Danny has the shakes but wants to "master MasterChef" while Mel is on a mission and Lisa is "buzzing" as she tries to challenge herself. They are all just a bit overexcited, like kids in a sweetshop, as they get cracking in the kitchen. It all builds to a tense... and closely-fought... finale.

JOHN & JOE BISHOP: LIFE AFTER DEAF
STV, 9pm

COMEDIAN John Bishop's eldest son Joe lost most of his hearing at the age of 15 due to an autoimmune condition that causes progressive deafness. After more than a decade of trying to "fix" Joe's hearing, the family has come to the realisation that it is now time to reconsider and find out more about the deaf community. John has set himself the target of delivering an entire signed stand-up comedy gig to a deaf audience. That means mastering a totally new

language and different way of performing. This incredibly moving documentary follows John and Joe, now 28, as they journey into the deaf community and unpack the issues the family has faced. After months of preparation, John will deliver his signed set to a deaf audience – alongside established deaf comedians. It promises to be the most challenging performance he's ever taken on. John says: "Before we started this journey, we could never have imagined what an impact it would have on us as a family."



CHALLENGE John with his son Joe

Today's TV previews are on the previous page	BBC ONE		BBC TWO		STV		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
	6.00am Breakfast News headlines. 9.15 Morning Live Magazine. 10.00 Northern Justice 10.30 For Love or Money (R) 11.15 Bargain Hunt Natasha Raskin Sharp presents the show from Peterborough. (R) 12.00noon Scottish First Minister's Questions Recorded coverage. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 Reporting Scotland 1.45 Doctors Daniel has an uphill battle to prove himself to Izzie. 2.15 Money for Nothing Upcycling a wardrobe and some hardwood shelves. (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country A would-be buyer looks to swap Hong Kong for Yorkshire. 3.45 Antiques Road Trip Natasha Raskin Sharp and Charles Hanson travel from East to West Yorkshire. 4.30 The Tournament Knockout quiz, hosted by Alex Scott. 5.15 Pointless Quiz show. 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 Reporting Scotland		6.30am Money for Nothing (R) 7.15 Antiques Road Trip (R) 8.00 Sign Zone: Fake or Fortune? A couple who believe their painting is by Impressionist Alfred Sisley. (R) 9.00 BBC News Headlines. 12.15pm Politics Live The latest stories from Westminster. 1.00 Chase the Case Gameshow hosted by Dan Walker. (R) 1.45 Eggheads Quiz show. (R) 2.15 Glorious Gardens from Above Christine Walkden is above Gloucestershire. (R) 3.00 Flipping Profit Raising money for Children in Need. (R) 3.45 Home Is Where the Art Is Three contestants compete to create a piece of artwork. (R) 4.30 Murder, Mystery and My Family Reinvestigating a lethal shooting from 1937. (R) 5.15 Flog It! Paul Martin presents from Belfast. (R) 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Charlie Baker, Val McDermid, Martin Offiah and Rebecca Lucy Taylor. 6.30 Unbeatable Quiz show.		6.00am Good Morning Britain News and current affairs. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and fashion news. 10.00 This Morning Daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health and beauty advice and more. 12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate. 1.30 ITV News; Weather 1.55 STV News; Weather 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team travel around the country assessing items brought in by members of the public, who either take the cash for their antiques or gamble at auction. 3.00 Tenable A team of five podcast-producing friends answer questions about top 10 lists in the quiz show. 3.59 STV Weather Central 4.00 Tipping Point Quiz show. 5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. 6.00 STV News at Six; Weather		6.10am Countdown Russell Kane is in Dictionary Corner. (R) 6.50 3rd Rock from the Sun (R) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the sitcom. (R) 9.00 Frasier Triple bill. (R) 10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordon Ramsay is in Washington. (R) 11.25 Channel 4 News Summary 11.30 The Great House Giveaway Teacher Olivia and security officer Gethin renovate a drab and dated two-bed terrace. (R) 12.30pm Steph's Packed Lunch Steph McGovern presents the weekday magazine. 2.10 Countdown Noreen Khan is in Dictionary Corner. 3.00 A Place in the Sun Laura Hamilton helps a couple find a holiday home in France. (R) 4.00 Chateau DIY Tim and Sasha host a wedding, but the heat works against them. 5.00 Moneybags Kevin Duala guest hosts the quiz show. 6.00 Hollyoaks Double bill. Victor forces Sid to sell drugs; the McQueens are furious. (R)		6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion. 12.45pm Holiday Homes in the Sun Amanda Lamb, JB Gill and Sam Pinkham are in Amalfi. 1.40 5 News at Lunchtime 1.45 Home and Away Tane takes the fall to save Nikau's reputation. Cash struggles with the knowledge that he killed someone. 2.15 FILM The Drowning (2021, PG) When Heather discovers her teenage daughter Ally is missing, the local police assume she drowned, but the mother refuses to accept their explanation. Thriller, starring Rene Ashton. ★★ 4.00 Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea In Skegness, entrepreneurs Taj and TK Bola plan a new initiative for their holidaymaker guests. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5 6.00 Cash in the Attic Helping people make money from the items they have accumulated over the years. 6.55 5 News Update	
film ratings ★★★★★ Brilliant ★★★★ Very Good ★★★ Good ★★ Average ★ Bad (R) Repeat										



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7	7.00 River City Gillian attempts to build bridges between Mikey and Dominic, but ends up faced with an ultimatum. (R) 7.30 EastEnders Double bill. Frankie sees Sonia and Janine talking about the pregnancy; Linda attends her court hearing, where she opens up to Sharon about her feelings for Mick, and Dotty and Bobby clash.		7.00 Villages by the Sea Archaeologist Ben Robinson uncovers evidence of the German occupation of the Jersey village of Gorey. 7.30 Iolo: A Wild Life Iolo Williams goes river dipping in the Severn near Newtown.		6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather The latest news headlines. 7.30 Emmerdale While Liam is shocked, Dan is left concerned, and Dawn is anxious. Long-running soap opera following the ups and downs of village life in the Yorkshire Dales.		7.00 Channel 4 News The latest news headlines, featuring in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.		7.00 Save Money on Your Supermarket Shop Alexis Conran investigates how supermarket clothing matches up to the high street for quality and cost, and Angellica Bell investigates healthy offal.	
	8.30 Celebrity MasterChef The remaining contenders compete in the final, tasked to cook and present a faultless three-course meal for John Torode and Gregg Wallace.		8.00 Saving Lives at Sea On Ireland's north-west coast, the RNLI crew at Bundoran races to the rescue of a teenage girl who has been swept out to sea by a rip-current. In Portishead, north Somerset, a man suffers chest injuries.		8.30 The Martin Lewis Money Show Live: Cost of Living Special The cash expert answers the financial questions that matter most, and offers tips and tricks for making finances go further.		8.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice Jo Brand hosts the companion show to the popular baking contest, featuring unseen footage from the programme and an interview with the week's eliminated baker.		8.00 NEW Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors A look inside one of the UK's most renowned and historical buildings. Cameras follow the huge recovery efforts of the Abbey's 300-strong team of staff and volunteers; 5 News	
9	9.00 Crossfire Jo faces a stand-off with Flavio, while in the kitchen, Gerardo terrorises his hostages, including Miriam and Abhi – but with the arrival of special forces, things are soon brought to an explosive climax. Last in series		9.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star Katherine Ryan welcomes back four semi-finalists to the workshop in Birmingham's jewellery quarter, where they create beautiful pieces in two penultimate challenges.		9.00 John & Joe Bishop: Life After Deaf Comedian and actor John Bishop's eldest son, Joe, has an autoimmune condition causing progressive deafness. After a decade of trying to 'fix' Joe's hearing, the family come to the realisation that it is now time to reconsider and find out more about the deaf community.		9.00 My Grandparents' War: Keira Knightley Documentary following actress Keira Knightley as she unearths a deeply moving story of resilience and love concerning her grandparents, Mac and Jan MacDonald.		9.00 All Creatures Great and Small James struggles to get Siegfried to let him take the reins. With Helen's help, James learns how much money Skeldale could make from the Ministry of Agriculture's lucrative bovine TB testing scheme.	
	10.00 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines. 10.30 Reporting Scotland 10.40 Question Time Fiona Bruce hosts the topical debate from Grimsby, Lincolnshire, with a panel of politicians and other guests facing a selection of questions from the audience.		10.00 Live at the Apollo Loyiso Gola introduces fellow comedians Scott Bennett and Helen Bauer to the stage of the legendary Hammersmith venue. (R) 10.30 Newsnight Analysis of the day's events with Kirsty Wark.		10.05 ITV News at Ten; Weather 10.35 STV News; Weather 10.50 Life After Deaf Stand Up Show John Bishop headlines a night of BSL comedy alongside fellow comedians Gavin Lilley, Ray Bradshaw, Ace Mahbaz, Leah Francisco and John Smith.		10.00 Naked Attraction After dating men, 26-year-old dog groomer Nico has realised she's barking up the wrong tree and actually prefers women. She's hoping to find her the perfect partner able to get her all hot under the collar.		10.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Ben meets Lucy, who left Britain to start a new life with her husband Tim on New Zealand's north island. They now live with their two daughters beside a river in the middle of woodland. (R)	
11	11.40 Newsnight A weekly round-up from Westminster, delivering the usual mix of serious analysis and light-hearted gossip about the biggest stories in politics.		11.15 Stolen: Catching the Art Thieves Three paintings stolen at gunpoint from Stockholm's National Museum in 2000 take investigators on a complex hunt from Russian organised crime to the glittering hills of Hollywood. (R)		11.35 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport A surprise lies in store for passengers flying to Heathrow's top European destination. (R)		11.05 Embarrassing Bodies Dr Jane Leonard meets meet a woman whose severe skin condition has left her unable to leave the house. Dr Tosin Ajayi-Sotubo advises a patient who has been living with hair loss since she was a child. (R)		11.05 Police: Night Shift 999 Sgt Gladwin is caught off guard when a routine area search leaves him surrounded by an aggressive family, while an assault at a nightclub brings aggression and verbal abuse for police. (R)	
	12.10am The Secrets She Keeps. A grief-stricken Meghan navigates a nightmare in prison, while Agatha's dream of motherhood seems destined to be stripped away by forces outside her control. Laura Carmichael stars. (R) 12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead 1.00-6.00am BBC News. Headlines.		12.15am Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef. The remaining contenders compete in the final, tasked to cook and present a faultless three-course meal. (R) 12.45 Sign Zone: Martin Compston's Scottish Fling (R) 1.15 Sign Zone: How To with John Wilson (R) 1.45-6.30am This Is BBC Two		12.05am Home Shopping 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. David Dickinson and his team travel around the country assessing items brought in by members of the public, who either take the cash for their antiques or gamble at auction. (R) 3.50 Unwind with STV 5.00-6.00am Tenable (R)		12.10am First Dates Hotel. Animal lover Sophie is paired with Billy, who has a collection of pet tarantulas. (R) 1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) 1.50 Couples Come Dine with Me (R) 2.40 Lata in Her Own Voice (R) 2.50-6.10am FILM Mughal-E-Azam (1960, PG) Indian historical epic. ★★★★★		12.05am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 1.00 Entertainment News 1.05 The LeoVegas Live Casino Show 3.05 British Airways 24/7: Access All Areas (R) 3.55 Made in Yorkshire (R) 4.40 Now That's Funny! (R) 5.30 Peppa Pig (R) 5.35 Paw Patrol (R) 5.50-6.00am Thomas & Friends (R)	
12 midnight										

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6.00am World's Funniest Videos **7.00** Dress to Impress **8.00** Secret Crush **9.00** Veronica Mars **10.00** One Tree Hill **11.00** Hart of Dixie **12.00noon** Supermarket Sweep **1.00** The Masked Singer US **3.05** Veronica Mars **4.00** One Tree Hill **5.00** Hart of Dixie. Comedy drama.

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** With James Jordan, Fiona Wade and Louis Walsh.

7.00 **Secret Crush** Millie wants answers and will not stop until she gets them.

8.00 **Bob's Burgers** Double bill.

9.00 **Family Guy** Animated antics.

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10.00 **Shopping with Keith Lemon** Keith goes antique hunting with Danny Dyer.

10.30 **Family Guy** Double bill.

11.30 **American Dad!** Francine gets involved in Steve's role-playing game.

12.00m't American Dad! **12.30** Bob's Burgers **1.30** All American **2.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.30-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Lazy Boy Garage **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Extreme Heights Repair Team **12.00noon** Bangers and Cash **1.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **2.00** Top Gear **3.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul

6.00 **Taskmaster** Gameshow.

7.00 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Sara Pascoe, Angela Scanlon, Rick Edwards and Clive Myrie test their skills.

7.40 **Room 101** With David Tennant.

8.20 **Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits** Extra material from the series.

9.00 **QI XL** With guests Susan Calman.

10.00 **Late Night Mash** With Rachel Parris.

11.00 **Question Team** With Jonathan Ross.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** QI **1.15** QI XL **2.25** Room 101 **3.25** Mock the Week **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** Black-ish **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.00** Young Sheldon **12.00noon** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **3.00** Young Sheldon **4.00** Married at First Sight UK **5.10** The Big Bang Theory

6.05 **The Big Bang Theory** Four episodes.

8.00 **Below Deck: Mediterranean** Hannah and Ben redefine their relationship.

9.00 **Married at First Sight UK** It is Love/Hate week for the couples.

10.00 **Dirty House Rescue: Queens of Clean** Lola and Adam come to the aid of Hashu, a 29-year-old from Birmingham.

11.05 **Gogglebox** TV opinions.

12.05am Married at First Sight UK **1.15** Rick and Morty **1.45** Tuca & Bertie **2.10** Dirty House Rescue: Queens of Clean **3.05** Below Deck **3.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.40-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND 7.00pm My Kind of Town: Arbroath **7.30** Island Medics **8.00** Beechgrove **8.30** Landward **9.00** The Nine. The latest headlines. **10.00** Martin Compston's Scottish Fling **10.30** The Force: The Story of Scotland's Police **11.30pm-12.00m't** Chewin' the Fat

BBC ALBA 5.00pm Piseag & Cuilean/Kit & Pup **5.05** Sionnach agus Maigheach (Fox & Hare) **5.20** Shane an Chef **5.30** 'S E lasg a Th'Annam (I'm a Fish) **5.35** Leum is Danna (Jump and Dance) **5.45** Su Pic (Peek Zoo) **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** An Saoghal Droil aig Pol Ploc/The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **6.15 @12** **6.20** Na Dana-thursan aig Tintin/The Adventures of Tintin **6.45** **NEW** Triuir aig Tri **7.00** Clann a' Chogaidh Mhoir (Small Hands in a Big War) **7.25** Dan **7.30** SpeakGaelic **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Eilean Mo Ghaoil (From Lewis with Love) **9.00** Ceol na Loidhne/Song of the Track **10.00** Bannan (The Ties That Bind) **11.10-12.00m't** Gandhi

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: 11.15am Homes Under the Hammer **12.15-1.00pm** Bargain Hunt **1.30-1.45** Regional News; Weather **6.30** Regional News; Weather **7.00-7.30** The One Show **10.30-10.40pm** Regional News; Weather

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Jersey **8.00** Buying and Selling **9.00** LittleBe **12.00noon** Best Cake Wins **12.30** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **1.20** The Real Housewives of Jersey **2.20** The Only Way Is Essex **3.10** Million Dollar Listing: NYC **4.05** The Real Housewives of Orange County **5.00** The Real Housewives of Potomac

6.00 **Masters of Flip** Kortney and Dave restore an old farmhouse.

7.00 **Buying and Selling** A couple who want to leave the suburbs behind.

8.00 **Dinner Date** Jon from Liverpool chooses three blind dates.

9.00 **Ferne McCann: First Time Mum** Ferne and Sunday get away on a holiday.

10.00 **Vanderpump Rules** Schwartz and Sandoval use their 'friendship break' as an excuse to see other people.

10.55 **Chrisley Knows Best** Double bill.

11.55pm The Only Way Is Essex **12.55** Unwind **1.00-7.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.00** 'Allo 'Allo! **7.45** All Creatures Great and Small **8.40** The Bill **9.40** Classic Holby City **11.00** Casualty **12.00noon** The Bill **1.00** Classic EastEnders **2.20** Monarch of the Glen **3.20** A Place to Call Home **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small **5.20** Waiting for God

6.00 **Are You Being Served?** Mr Grainger is given a temporary promotion.

6.40 **'Allo 'Allo!** Herr Flick interrogates Rene.

7.20 **Last of the Summer Wine** Ivy receives an anonymous love letter.

8.00 **Judge John Deed** The maverick judge finds his principles tested by the offer of a place on the Appellate Bench in return for hushing up a diplomatic incident.

10.00 **New Tricks** Part two of two. Gerry fights to clear his name.

11.20 **Spooks** Adam's treacherous former partner asks for his help.

12.40am Bad Girls. Prison drama. **1.50** The Heart Guy **2.50** A Place to Call Home **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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8.55am Food Unwrapped **9.15** A Place in the Sun **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.05pm** Heir Hunters **2.10** Four in a Bed **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.55** Car S.O.S

6.55 **Escape to the Chateau** Dick and Angel Strawbridge attempt to renovate the orangery with the help of a roofing expert and some pre-loved slate.

7.55 **Wondrous Wales** Teams from Fishguard and Newport compete in a traditional Celtic boat race. Last in series.

9.00 **Huge Homes with Hugh Dennis** A modern mansion, a Jacobean hunting lodge and a 16th-century stately pile.

10.00 **Grand Designs Australia** A couple create a multi-storied modern home with a triple car-stacker.

11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** Doctors treat a 63-year-old man with throat cancer who has suffered a bleed.

12.10am 999: On the Front Line **1.15** Huge Homes with Hugh Dennis **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** Food Unwrapped

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7.00pm **Top Gear** Chris Harris and Matt LeBlanc compete in a race across the Arabian peninsula.

8.00 **MOTDx** Football discussion.

8.30 **Hire Me: Competing for a Dream Job** Young hopefuls battle for a job in their dream industry.

9.00 **NEW RuPaul's Drag Race UK** Twelve new drag queens enter the werk room for the first time. Joanna Lumley joins Michelle Visage and Graham Norton as RuPaul determines which queen will leave.

10.15 **FILM Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie** (2016, 15) Comedy, starring Jennifer Saunders. ★★

11.40 **RuPaul's Drag Race UK** Twelve new drag queens take part.

12.50am **MOTDx.** Football discussion. **1.20** The Irish League Show **1.50** The Ulster Rugby Show **2.20** RuPaul's Drag Race UK **3.35-3.55am** My Mate's a Bad Date

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7.00pm **Great American Railroad Journeys** Michael Portillo explores British Columbia.

8.00 **Imagine - Mel Brooks: Unwrapped** Alan Yentob travels to Hollywood to interview Mel Brooks in the year of his 91st birthday, profiling his extensive career in comedy.

9.10 **FILM The Producers** (1968, PG) A theatre producer and his neurotic accountant hatch a crooked financial scam to make the worst Broadway show of all time. Mel Brooks' comedy, starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder. ★★★★★

10.40 **FILM Blazing Saddles** (1974, 12) Mel Brooks' Western spoof, starring Cleavon Little. ★★★★★

12.10am Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth **1.10** Great American Railroad Journeys **2.10-3.10am** From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature

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6.00am TJC **9.00** NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News on 5 **11.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **1.55** Entertainment News on 5 **2.00** Law & Order: four episodes

6.00 **NCIS** Triple bill. A marine's teeth and fingertips are found in a stolen purse; the agents learn one of their former assistants has been murdered; Gibbs interrogates a man accused of killing his father.

9.00 **Criminal Minds** Double bill. The agents join a manhunt for a serial killer; the team tracks a murderer with a railway fixation.

10.55 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. Saliva from a tiger is discovered on a murdered model; a woman claims to have been raped by a stranger. Mariska Hargitay stars.

12.50am Private Eyes. Comedy. **3.35** Criminals: Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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Aries March 21-April 20

YOU sensed how some areas of your life were likely to pan out and that's exactly why it will not be an inconvenience having to put yourself out for others. You knew they would need you today and you're fully prepared to put their needs in front of your own. They will be grateful.

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Taurus April 21 - May 21

IF YOU aren't happy with someone's recent behaviour, this needs to be discussed. Looking back you might accept you have not been as loving or as considerate as you could have been and a youngster's rebellious ways will recede as they receive more attention.

For more call **0905 789 4172** (80p/min + network access charge)

Gemini May 22 - June 20

BE PREPARED to stand a while and gossip with a friend or neighbour. They will share a piece of information that you will find most useful. Circulate among your friends and workmates. Anything you are working on that is important to you will produce satisfactory results.

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Cancer June 21 - July 22

CERTAIN people are banking on your support at a group gathering or community event. Even if you aren't keen on this right now, the time has come, so you need to show your face and show some respect for the time and effort it has taken by others to get this underway.

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Leo July 23 - August 22

YOU miss someone who used to be always there for you during emotional times. Close your eyes and imagine what advice they would be giving you right now. A group effort would have been more successful had someone put more thought and care into all of the planning.

For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + network access charge)

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

A NEW job offer or the opportunity of a promotion might be unexpected but it is worth considering. You may not be looking to make any changes and you won't feel prepared for all the implications but this could be a chance to make a respected name for yourself in your field.

For more call **0905 789 4176** (80p/min + network access charge)

Libra Sept 23-Oct 23

YOU will concentrate best and get even better results by sticking to the background. Besides, this is the place where you would rather be when you are unlikely to feel comfortable in a crowd. Be careful about what is being said when discussing someone else's business.

For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

YOU might just happen to find yourself in a position to grab an opportunity that could make quite a difference to your future. This is a chance you will take without any hesitation. Are you footloose and fancy free? A get-together this evening will change all that.

For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

A NEED to explore, expand and experience something new that began earlier in the year seems even more apparent now. Embarking on a spiritual journey will improve your mental, emotional and physical well-being. Make time in your life to commune with nature.

For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

SOMEONE in a senior position is starting to see you through new eyes. It has taken a long time to get your talents noticed. Now you are making progress, continue to showcase your creativity. At last you are seeing the rewards from developing your own style.

For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

THE formal atmosphere of what was supposed to be a casual meeting takes you by surprise. New arrangements will mean more work for you. Have you been told everything you need to know? Is everyone telling the truth? Spend some quiet time this evening, contemplating on your day.

For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

YOU will be glad when the pace slows right down and demands on your time and energy are greatly reduced. A relationship is starting to unsettle you when it is not going as you hoped. What hurts you the most is when you get accused of something you didn't do.

For more call **0905 789 4182** (80p/min + network access charge)

Letters..

Ideology of idiots

ALMOST every time the Conservative Party are in power, they blather on about trickle-down economics.

Making the already rich even richer does not make the poor richer. It never has and it never will. The already rich don't help the economy. They salt their money away in tax havens or jaunt around the world in expensive yachts benefiting nobody but themselves.

Trickle-down economics has been the ideology of the idiot right wing for what seems forever. Liz Truss is just another clown carrying an unlit torch.

Her tax cuts will do nothing to

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help the worse off in this country.

She is a dangerous woman who would probably have difficulty with standard grade economics and will wreck the economy even further if given enough time, as well as selling what is left of our public services to her cronies.

GM

Knocked for six

I WANT to say a huge thank you to the Daily Record and Knockhill Racing Circuit.

I won a voucher in a competition in The Record prior to lockdown in 2020 and only recently managed to use it.

I drove an Aston Martin

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PRINCE William and Prince Harry's temporary reconciliation is likely to be short lived and will play out until Prince Harry releases his memoir next year, royal insiders claim.

The brothers' feud supposedly came to a halt when the pair appeared on a public walk together with their wives, Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle, to mourn the Queen's death.

But despite their recent display of peace in public appearances, senior royals including the King and Prince William are said to be "increasingly uneasy" about the content of the Harry's book. Our readers had their say.

Jacqueline Dale said: "Sad it is the way it is but I totally understand why

(William and Kate) don't want to speak with them if all they are going to do is tell the media."

Margaret Dibben wrote: "They are brothers with different opinions but life's too short and being angry with one another is pointless."

Sharon Norton added: "It was only when Harry got married that all the trouble started."



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THAT'S RICH Liz Truss has made removing bankers' bonus cap a top priority

Bank on PM to get it wrong

NEW Prime Minister Liz Truss didn't waste any time in showing where her true concerns lie as she spoke during her trip to New York.

She'll immediately axe the cap on bankers bonuses to ensure that the richest get even wealthier.

Meanwhile, Truss refuses to raise

benefits in line with prices for those most in need and will make the public pay for the cost of capping energy bills rather than imposing a windfall tax on power firms.

Truss is the leading political exponent of the creed of greed culture.

Will our Tory leaders never change?

Stephen McCarthy, Glasgow

from start to finish. As always, the staff and the venue itself did not disappoint.

Thank you so much for running this competition and giving me the chance to drive an absolutely amazing car.

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city desk.

JD chief given the £6m boot

DEAL LOCKS IN COWGILL AS ADVISOR

THE ousted boss of trainer chain JD Sports will be paid more than £6million to prevent him teaming up with a rival business.

Peter Cowgill left the firm in May after a review of owner JD Sports Fashion's corporate governance.

The 69-year-old was credited with turning JD into a retail powerhouse during his 18 years at the business.

But his no-nonsense approach, as well as his dual chairman-CEO, role, attracted criticism.

JD yesterday confirmed it had reached an agreement with Cowgill.

The deal will see him pocket £3.5million to prevent him working for or advising any of the company's competitors for two years, and £2million to act as a consultant



EXIT
Peter Cowgill

for JD for three years. He is also entitled to another year's salary of nearly £900,000.

JD chairman Andy Higginson, a former Tesco director and Morrisons chairman, said: "Peter has hugely valuable experience built over 18 years which we do not want to lose."

Former B&Q executive Régis Schultz was appointed as JD's new chief executive in August.

The agreement comes as the firm prepares to publish its first-half results today.

Broker Shore Capital said: "Cowgill's three-year commitment prevents the challenges of any competing activity he may wish to have pursued and permits the new CEO and board to have ongoing engagement with the executive that did most to build JD."

BETWAY AD OWN GOAL

GAMBLING giant Betway has been fined more than £400,000 for advertising on a children's colouring-in page within West Ham United's website.

It displayed its logo on two pages of the Premier League club's site designed for children between 2020 and 2021, breaking the Gambling Commission's rules on social responsibility.

Betway blamed a technical error, adding: "As soon as we were made aware of this error, we took immediate action to get it removed."



HIGH street giant Marks & Spencer yesterday announced £15million of support to help workers with the cost-of-living crisis.

From October 1, more than 40,000 staff will see their hourly pay increase to a minimum of £10.20, on top of an increase from £9.50 to £10 in April this year.

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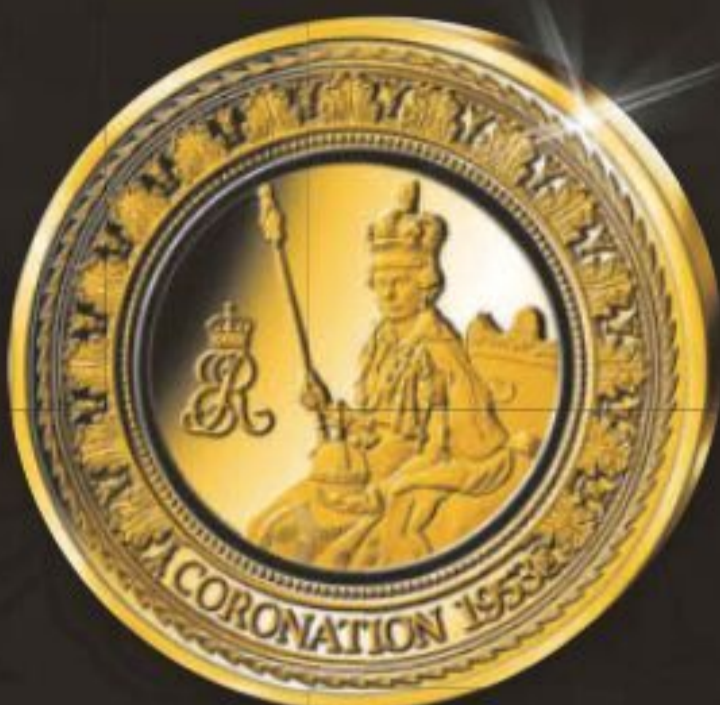
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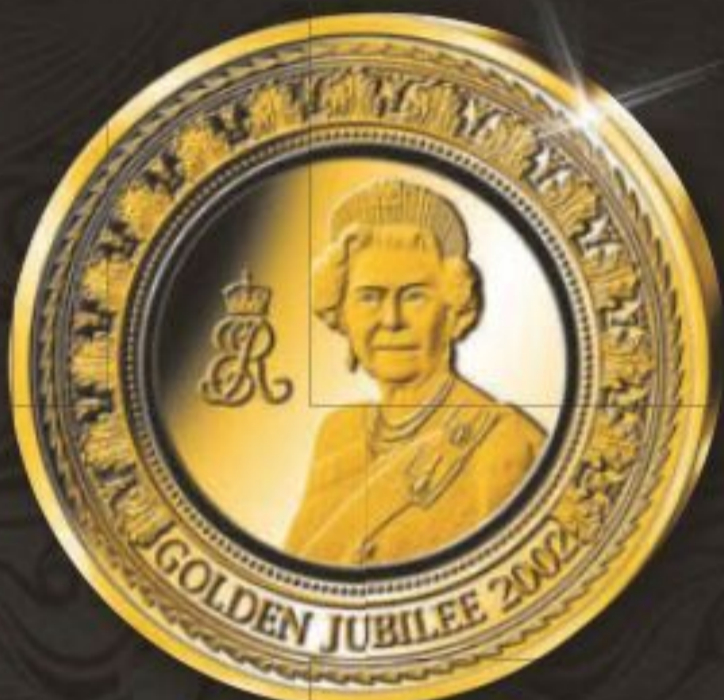
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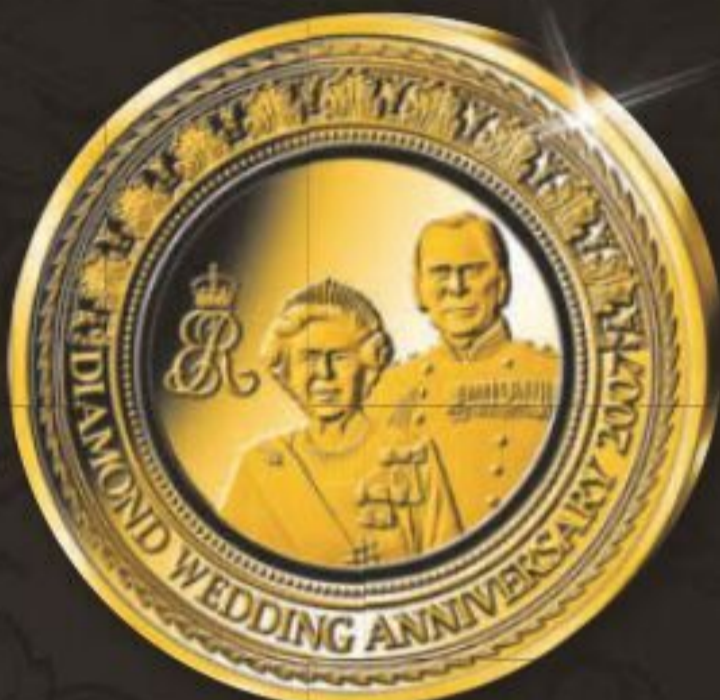
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I have commented many times, over the years, of the risk of the importation of exotic diseases, hitherto unheard of in our country, when dogs are brought to the UK from foreign lands.

It seems ludicrous that so many are able to arrive here, untested and potentially a risk, when it is not possible to enter Australia with an apple in your pocket. Whatever are we thinking?

So we now have nastier ticks and Babesiosis and, just last month, the first-ever case of Brucella canis was discovered in Stoke-on-Trent in a pregnant German Shepherd cross bitch that had been imported from Belarus.

Setting aside quite why we have to import cross-bred,



BY NEIL
MCINTOSH

in-pup dogs to this country, (don't we have enough stray dogs already?) the situation had serious repercussions.

Brucella canis is a bacterium that can be spread from dogs to dogs and from dogs to humans by contaminated body fluids and tissue.

In canines, it causes infertility, womb, scrotal and testicular infections and abortion and other apparently unrelated symptoms, such as eye problems, lymph node enlargement, spinal damage, lethargy, exercise intolerance and weight loss.

It is clear, however, that some infected individuals do not show any clinical signs and the incubation period is very variable, so diagnosis is not easy.

In this instance, the affected dog's foster carer was hospitalised for two weeks after she contracted the disease and her four other

dogs (three of which were also infected) had to be put to sleep due to the risk they posed.

A tragedy, indeed. And it could have been avoided.

Compulsory blood testing of imported dogs for Brucella canis is required by many countries, but not by the UK.

Testing is reliable, quick, simple and relatively inexpensive, especially when compared to transport costs.

Despite this, welfare organisations and well-meaning individuals continue to import dogs without testing and this puts themselves, members of the public, our resident dogs and veterinary personnel at risk.

British Veterinary Association (BVA) president Dr Justine Shotton said "The BVA continues to call on the Government to take urgent action to introduce mandatory pre-import testing for dogs coming into the UK, so we can stop the spread of such emerging diseases."

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TENNIS SWISS SUPERSTAR'S FAREWELL



Legend reveals wife and kids were in tears

BY NEIL McLEMAN

ROGER FEDERER has revealed his wife Mirka is relieved and his children cried at the news of his retirement from tennis.

And the Swiss superstar showed his human side by admitting he lived in fear of further damage to his injured right knee and is now nervous before his farewell performance at the Laver Cup tomorrow night.

Federer has won 20 Grand Slam titles and multitudes of fans with an effortless elegance over the past two decades.

Yet speaking before the historic event in London this week, the 41-year-old opened up on the pain and uncertainty during his fight to continue his career over the last few years.

Despite three knee surgeries, it was not only Federer who was suffering.

He said: "The last few years have been tough for me but I think it was even tougher for Mirka."

"With all the injuries, she didn't enjoy watching me any more. I felt sorry for her too. It's a great relief for her now that it's over."

The reaction of his two sets of twins – daughters Myla and Charlene and sons Lenny and Leo – was more mixed.

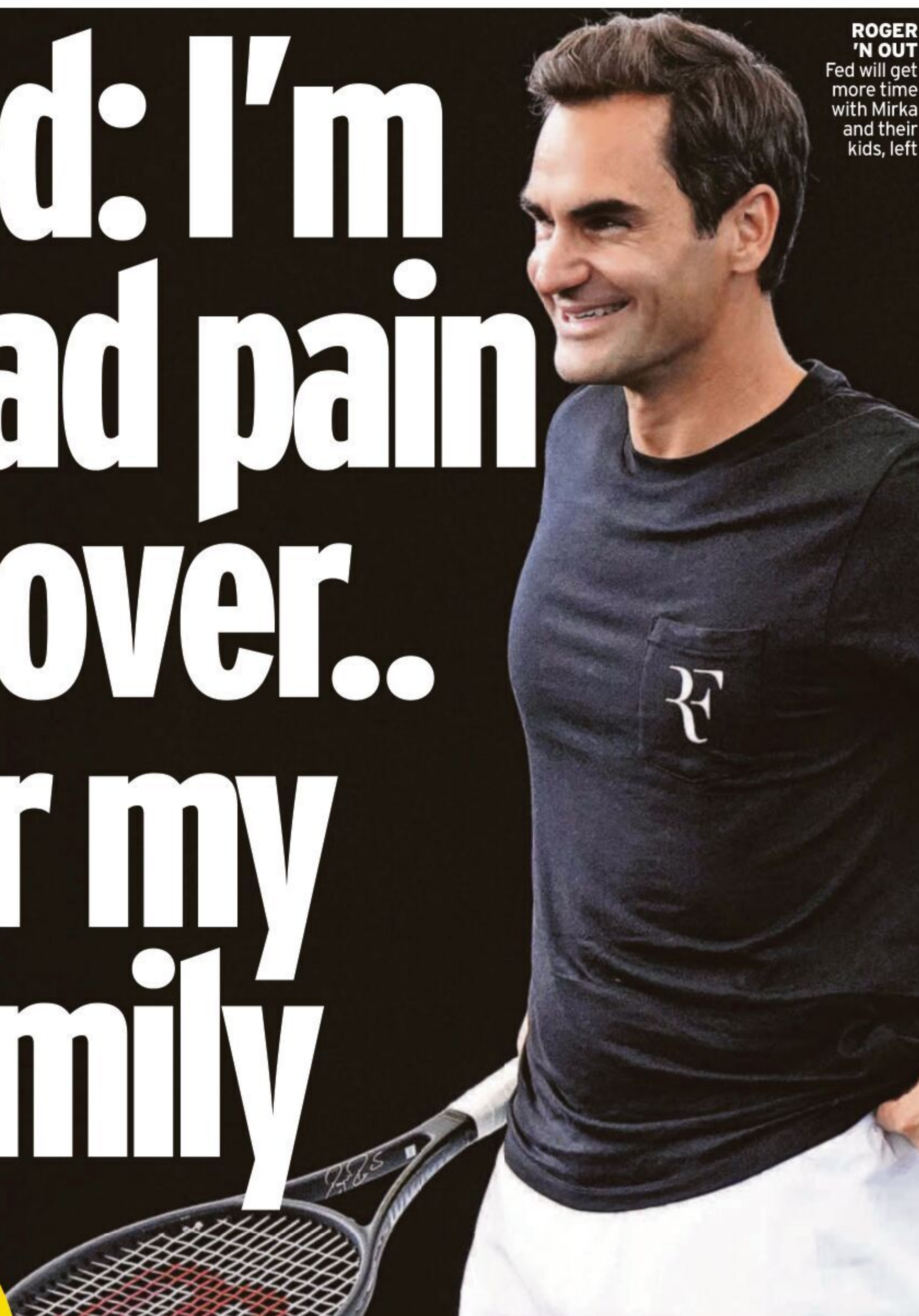
Federer, who announced his decision last Thursday, said: "I told them the day before. I told them that nothing will change much."

"Somewhere they are sad that I will stop. But they always expressed the wish: 'Stop playing tennis, we want to go skiing!' I said it to all four at the same time and three out of four cried."

"I've had a lump in my stomach for the past two or three weeks. Writing the [retirement] letter took a lot of

Fed: I'm glad pain is over.. for my family

ROGER 'N OUT
Fed will get more time with Mirka and their kids, left



Roger talks a good game

ROGER FEDERER is open to returning to Wimbledon as a BBC commentator after promising he will not become a "ghost" in his retirement. The 41-year-old said: "The subject of commenting suddenly came to mind six months ago. I just wanted to let the fans know I won't be a ghost from tennis. They'll see me again."

emotional energy.

"I was in a very worried, scared place to face the music, the fans, and everything,

being able to talk about it in a normal fashion without getting emotional, just because I know how much it means to me."

"I probably went through a lot of different stages. I don't know if you can call it grieving. But now I feel good."

Federer admitted he had decided to quit "a few days" after his last match – a Wimbledon quarter-final defeat to Hubert Hurkacz where he lost the final

set 6-0. He recalled: "I said on court that I hope to see everyone again next year."

"At the time, I still honestly believed it. After a few days I noticed that the knee was no longer making any progress."

"I had given so much into the comeback and rehab. I was so exhausted. I asked myself: 'What's in it for me?'"

Asked if he is still in pain while playing, Federer revealed: "I get scared going too far because I don't want to bang it up and make it go completely crazy. Otherwise I could be playing."

"The more hurt you've been, the more surgeries you've had, the more scared you get with everything and that's hard to get it out of your head."

"And that's why coming back from surgeries and injuries is so tricky because you want to focus on 'the guy's

got a weak forehand' or 'he's not good there'. But you can't even think about that stuff any more because your mind, it's just here, with your knee."

Whether Federer is the greatest of all time ahead of his Europe team-mates this week, Novak Djokovic and Rafa Nadal, is debatable. His place in tennis history is undeniable.

He added: "I always looked to the Michael Schumachers, Tiger Woodses, all the other guys that stayed for so long at the top that I didn't understand how they did it."

"Next thing you know, you're part of that group, and it's been a great feeling."

But for his encore in the doubles on the O2 stage, he admitted: "I'm nervous because I haven't played in so long. I hope I can be somewhat competitive."



NEW CHAPTER Scott

£3m SRU boost for Scots kids

RUGBY

THE Scottish Rugby Union has promised to pump over £500,000 per year into growing the game in state schools over six years.

The flagship strategy, unveiled by Murrayfield director of development Gav Scott, is a long-overdue step in the right direction towards tackling the issue of plummeting numbers of young players involved.

The state sector educates 96.1 per cent of pupils in Scotland but less than half those schools now offer any meaningful rugby.

The new strategy will involve the recruitment of six School Rugby Officers, who will work with existing Development Officers to help create rugby pathways and programmes.

Investment will also be made to support schools with equipment and other resources, and provide development for teachers to build on coaching and officiating knowledge.

Scott said: "It marks an exciting new chapter and shows a clear statement of intent."

No century but Michael has ton well

CRICKET

SCOTLAND star Michael Jones last night fell just short of a century for the second match in a row.

The in-form Durham opener, who managed 97 in last week's County Championship clash with Leicestershire, yesterday fell for 96 against Sussex at Chester-le-Street.

Jones had faced 193 deliveries and racked up 11 boundaries with the bat before being caught by Scotland Under-19 wicket-keeper Charlie Tear off James Coles.

The 24-year-old, who already has a double ton and a century to his name this season, is likely to feature in the Saltires squad for next month's T20 World Cup in Australia.

Raducanu: I'd love to spend whole Korea here

EMMA RADUCANU is desperate to stay in South Korea for as long as possible as she set sights on winning her first tournament since last year's US Open.

The 19-year-old survived a late fightback from Moyuka Uchijima to progress to the second round at the Korea Open in Seoul.

The British No.2 looked to be heading for an easy victory after

BY JOE KRISHNAN

going a set and a triple break up while leading 6-2, 5-0.

On her first match point, she served up a double fault and ended up being broken, handing Uchijima a way back into the match.

Raducanu's self-doubt began to creep in as the Japanese – ranked 126th in the world – won

the next four games. But at the third time of asking on match point, Raducanu produced some ferocious serves and an ace for good measure to eventually seal it 6-2, 6-4 after an hour and a quarter on court.

She will face Belgium ace Yanina Wickmayer in the second round today.

Raducanu said: "My goal on

the court is to keep trying to swing freer and freer in each match. My other goal is to try and stay in Korea for as long as possible."

"I love it so much here, I feel so at home. Everything is so much better. It's so clean, the food is unbelievable. I just want to spend as much time as I can in Korea."



HELD NERVE Raducanu

BOXING



HONOUR Nelson flanked by boxers Craig Morgan and Bakole

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BILLY NELSON is one of the best trainers in the fight game – but he's also known as one of the biggest wind-up merchants.

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But Nelson, who guided the likes of Ricky Burns to world titles, became the first Scottish coach to land the accolade.

After the weekend event, he said: "It's a huge honour, absolutely huge. When I first got the call I thought it was a wind-up."

"But I was thrilled it was true. It's a great award for me but also for my family. They have been super supportive over the years."

"It's extra special to be the first Scottish trainer to get in to the Hall of Fame."

Nelson will always be grateful for the role legendary trainer Peter Harrison played in his rise.

He said: "Peter trained me as an amateur and I was getting close to returning and he asked me to help him out."

"He's a great coach and a lot of people still say to me my fighters have the look of a Peter Harrison

BY MICHAEL GANNON

fighter. I was his assistant in the corner for Scott Harrison, Alex Arthur, Willie Limond, copious amounts of quality boxers.

"When Peter got the Scottish amateur job I went on my own and my first fight was Limond's against Amir Khan – which we should have won if the referee knew how to count to 10!"

"I've been very lucky. I've been involved in 20 world title fights, winning 16, and losing two, one of them being the best pound for pound on the planet Terence Crawford against Ricky. It's not bad, is it?"

Nelson is far from done though. He is leading Airdrie-based Congolese fighter Martin Bakole into the mix for major honours in the top weight division.

Nelson said: "You sometimes get these awards at the end of your career but there is a lot still to come."

"I want a heavyweight world champion and Martin will do that in the next 12 months."

"He's sparred with every fighter at the top level and no one has got the better of him."

"There are some exciting times ahead."

Joe can't afford to take it on the chin says Haye

DAVID HAYE has warned Joe Joyce he cannot rely on his "granite chin" to beat Joseph Parker.

Joyce is renowned for his ability to take a punch but Haye believes that could backfire against Parker at Manchester's AO Arena on Saturday in their clash for the WBO interim heavyweight title.

Haye said: "He's got a great chin, but everyone

has a great chin until you don't have a great chin. Tyson Fury had a great chin until Deontay Wilder nailed him and then he was on the canvas."

"You can't fight at world level consistently, taking concussive punches, it just doesn't work, it never has worked."

●BT Sport Box Office will show Joyce v Parker exclusively live on Saturday. Learn more at bt.com/sportboxoffice

GOLF

WINNER IS

MOMENT TO SAVOUR
MacIntyre lifts Italian Open trophy in Rome on Sunday



"I try to get little snippets. They're at the top end of their sport"

BOB MacINTYRE ON TALKING TO OTHER SPORTS STARS

MacINTYRE STEERS CLEAR OF LIV

BOB MacINTYRE is staying well out of the debate over LIV stars' bid to stay in the Ryder Cup.

And while steering clear of those arguments, an old ally of Saudi-series defector Bernd Wiesberger is boosting the Scot's own bid for Rome 2023.

LIV players are still hoping to be part of the European side but MacIntyre offered no opinion as he

BY CRAIG SWAN

said: "That's not for me to decide or say anything. Just leave it to the hierarchy. I'm not a lawyer who can decide these things so I don't worry about that at all."

Keith Pelley, CEO of the DP World Tour, rubbished claims from LIV rebel Sergio Garcia the European circuit is in danger of becoming a feeder tour. And asked about such

talk, MacIntyre again stayed away from controversy. Smiling, he said: "It's a strong feeder tour!"

"The top guys are playing. It's strong fields and for me it's just playing another tournament and trying to win it. I'm not looking at fields and what's around me, I'm looking to win titles."

MacIntyre insists he has no axe to grind with defectors, saying: "My



DEFECTOR Wiesberger

BIG MAC AND TRIES

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BOB MacINTYRE knows dinner chat with Scotland rugby hero Finn Russell won't help him in the scrum for Ryder Cup spots.

But the Oban ace has no doubts about one thing – grabbing the biggest win of his life means taking huge career decisions has paid off.

Accepting he needed to make those key changes has put him on the path to Rome – and got his career heading back on an upward trajectory.

After last weekend's success at the Italian Open, the Scots star is now in France for today's start of their national championship.

MacIntyre took time to savour his win and joined Russell, who plays for French Club Racing 92, for a meal in the build-up to Le Golf National.

Naturally, it was an Italian and he said: "We had a nice chat. I was asking him about life in France.

"I ask questions of other sports people, how they enjoy life in different countries, stuff like that. We didn't really get into the golf.

"Being in an individual sport, it's difficult. Others have guys who can save them as part of a team in each sport but in golf I'm the one swinging the club and hitting the ball. I've got my caddie there but it's all in my hands.

"I try to get little snippets. They are at the top end of their sport so it's good to do that."

MacIntyre, 26, wants to be at the top of his sport and, to get there, he's had to undertake analysis.

Having burst onto the European Tour scene three years ago, he made a blistering start with brilliant displays at The Open and a maiden win in Cyprus.

However, for a spell last year, things got tougher.

MacIntyre was unable to make the Ryder Cup team for Whistling Straits. A bid to earn a PGA Tour card in America didn't work out then 2022 didn't begin brilliantly.

Notoriously hard on

SUPPORT Donald and, right, Russell

Bob has a meal with Scotland rugby star Russell as he tries every trick to book Ryder spot

BY CRAIG SWAN

himself, the Scot looked at what he needed to alter in himself and the set-up behind the scenes.

Beating Rory McIlroy and Matt Fitzpatrick down the stretch at Marco Simone vindicates his choices and MacIntyre said: "It was massive, for everything. For my season, looking forward to Ryder Cup, everything.

"I've been doubting myself. Are the things I've done the right things? You have to keep pushing yourself forward.

"I was disappointed with my results during the stretch from Switzerland through to Italy.

"I knew good things were coming but it was just when. I know the level I can play and where I believe I should be. It was a slow start to the season with not many great finishes.

"I'd made a lot of changes and was doubting myself from time to time. You just have to let it be.

"If you trust what you're doing, that's all you can do. It was worth the wait. It's the biggest win."

"There have been so many important moments since I've turned pro but that's the biggest win of my life. I always knew I could compete with the top guys but to know you can

win against them? I've played in all the Majors and made the cuts and top-10s but I went toe to toe with them. Since the refresh within the team, it has been really good. We've so much more belief.

"It's just making your good weeks better. Like my good week at Wentworth, 40th or whatever, it wasn't good enough. Make good weeks challenging for the title.

"I've been working like hell the last two months. It's the most I've worked, the smartest, and that's thanks to the people around me."

"When I started working with (coach) Simon Shanks, one of the main things was setting a standard and having a reset most days. Keeping the dedication up. If I keep doing that and working with the right people these things will take care of themselves."

Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald was among those to offer congratulations and MacIntyre impressed vice-captain Thomas Bjorn when they played together this month at the BMW PGA.

The Rome aim is obvious and he said: "You get another opportunity, I'm older, somewhat wiser, I'm a better golfer. I got a nice message (from Donald) to say well done and keep it up.

"It doesn't change the way I approach things. I'll keep setting a standard for myself. There are 200/300 guys with the same goal."

January's Hero Cup, a two-team event to give European players experience ahead of potential Ryder appearances, is a next step. MacIntyre added: "I'll need to see if it fits into the shinty schedule! It's a great addition, hopefully I can

be part of that, play well and show what I can do."



BUT IS WIES TO HIS OWN CUP BID

job is my business. I don't have any consideration of it. I don't hate them for it, I don't dislike them in any way about it. They picked it and away they went."

MacIntyre is enjoying assistance from the Austrian Wiesberger's former performance coach Stuart Morgan and Decade Golf.

He said: "I started working about a year ago. I'd plateaued. I felt I was

on a level where I was stuck. So Stuart comes on board, looks at all the stats he can look at, looks at the areas I need to work on and has structured a practice programme for me. It has been massive.

"I'd done it in 2018-19. It worked well then but then we went away from it. We've just gone back, refreshed it and it has been good."

MacIntyre's graft got him in the

winners circle and gave another huge boost to the Scottish game.

In the past 13 months, Ewen Ferguson has twice won on Tour with Grant Forrest, Calum Hill and Richie Ramsay also lifting titles.

MacIntyre added: "It's good, probably the strongest it's been in a long time. It's not just the guys who have been on tour for years, there's so many coming up."



TYPICALLY UPBEAT McCall

McCall: It's not always such thrills at Firhill

BY ALAN ROBERTSON

IAN McCALL says it's "typical Thistle" things never seem straightforward at Firhill.

But he insists the support he and his players are getting has remained unflinching despite a long-running ownership saga.

This week has seen the controversial share transfer from Three Black Cats, the group that held the late Colin Weir's shareholding, to PTFC Trust completed.

Rancour off-pitch comes during a three-year McCall reign in which Thistle had to deal with what their gaffer dubs "bloody hard times".

Demotion to League One – and, with it, less Covid relief funding – trips to court and problems with the Firhill surface.

On the pitch, things are more straightforward with the club top of the Championship as they head to Falkirk in the SPFL Trust Trophy tomorrow.

McCall, speaking as Thistle confirmed an extended two-year partnership with Macklin Motors Nissan Glasgow Central, said: "Somebody said, 'it's typical Thistle', losing two late goals but still going top. This feels typical Thistle as well.

"What I've noticed is the support at the home games has been brilliant. The other stuff, I'm a Thistle supporter but I don't know the ins and outs of it.

"And I think supporters would be happy for me to be like that and just keep concentrating on trying to get the team better."

Malky: Vic's now settling in well

MALKY MACKAY believes Victor Loturi is growing more settled with each week.

The Ross County midfielder, 21, joined in June from Canada's Premier League big guns Cavalry.

Loturi's only league start was at Rangers, when he was booked and subbed.

But Mackay said: "Victor has been adapting superbly to a new style of football here. It's the intensity of training. There's clearly talent there. It's just getting him into the way of things."

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Lee looks for Ayr quickfire double

» MORTON v AYR

AYR boss Lee Bullen says his boys will be up for the battle as they look for a place in the fourth round.

The Honest Men fell to their first league defeat of the season at Raith on Saturday but head to Greenock looking to progress in the cup and bag a second win over Morton inside 19 days.

Ayr were 2-1 victors earlier this month and Bullen said: "We saw at Raith we can't go out and play at 70, 80 or 90 per cent. That isn't good enough but if we play at 100 per cent we can



BULLISH Boss Bullen be a match for anyone."

Morton gaffer Dougie Imrie added: "The last time we played Ayr we had chances to score but they'd two opportunities and scored both of them.

"They are still at the top end of the league – and on merit – but any team coming to Cappielow knows they will be in a game."

Maybury men on revenge mission

» QOS v EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH boss Alan Maybury wants payback after the 4-1 weekend defeat at the hands of Queen of the South.

The Palmerston pounding was painful but Maybury admitted: "We had to say fair play to Queens because they were better than us.

"The good thing about playing them again so soon is that we have the chance to rectify it.

"We know what we are coming to and know what it'll be like, though we will change a couple. The boys on loan from Hibs



CHANGES Alan Maybury are cup-tied but that gives opportunities for other players to come in and stake a claim"

Queens gaffer Wullie Gibson watched his side lose 3-1 in the final of last year's competition.

He said: "Some people seem to think that some cups don't matter but we want to go one better this time and win it."

Coach trip gives Gary good vibes

GARY BOWYER believes bonding beats boredom on lengthy bus journeys.

The Dundee boss and his players face a 660-mile round trip to play Welsh outfit The New Saints tomorrow night.

But Bowyer said: "I am used to going away every other Friday for away matches, so it is nothing new to me. When I was at Blackpool we were on the road by 10am, so we were training at 8.30am as if you didn't get on the road you could be stuck in horrendous traffic.

"We had journeys that were over seven hours but as long as you had a



ON THE BUSES Bowyer decent coach, the players spent that time together.

"I think it enhances the team spirit with all the banter and things like that. We will travel down on Thursday. We are preparing for the game properly and I think that's only right. It doesn't matter who we play, we're looking to win the game."



MEGA PAYDAY FROM EUROPE NO CERTAINTY

BY ROBBIE COPELAND

STEWART ROBERTSON insists Rangers can't get overexcited by their Champions League wind-fall because a mega payday is far from guaranteed.

The Ibrox club came through a gruelling qualifying schedule and saw off PSV Eindhoven to reach the group stage of the competition proper.

They were landed with a star-studded group with Ajax, Napoli and Liverpool for their efforts.

So far they've shipped seven goals without reply ahead of an October double-header with the English giants and Robertson admits competing with Europe's elite is a major challenge due to the financial disparity on show.

Qualifying for the Champions League handed Rangers a major financial boost but the £40million figure touted was an exaggerated estimate – with a figure closer to £30m the reality.

Robertson insists much of the Euro cash had already been budgeted for as Europa League qualification was a given and says Gers won't be seeing the mega figures quoted on their bank balance unless they go deep into the competition.

He said: "Some think the money has fallen out of the sky but it's not like that because we know we will



BE REALISTIC Robertson

be in the group stage of the Europa League. That's budgeted. The £40m number is just wrong.

"Unless we perform really well, get through to the next round, even get through to the last eight, we're probably not getting anywhere close to £40m.

"And we know the challenge in doing that because you're up against the biggest clubs in Europe.

"When you sit with Dortmund last year and you hear budgets that are five times ours, I suspect we will have one of the smallest budgets in the Champions League this year.

"Against Napoli I thought we showed we can compete. Take the Ajax game away because that was different. Everybody knows we can do better but you realise the difference between the Europa League and the Champions League in terms of quality.

"I hope people can now see the reality. I think we should have done more to get that message out earlier."

Charlie hangs up boots as he hails a top career

CHARLIE ADAM has announced his retirement at the age of 36.

The 26-time capped Scotland midfielder was a youth academy graduate at Dundee before signing for Rangers at U-20 level.

Adam went on to make 80 appearances for the Ibrox side before heading south to Blackpool.

He led the Seasiders to promotion to the Premier

League then earned a move to Liverpool in 2011.

Adam played for Stoke and Reading before a return to Dens in 2020, where he helped them back into the Premiership but opted to leave after their relegation last season.

He said: "Now's the right time. From Champions League nights at Ibrox to scoring in front of the Kop, it's not been a bad ride."

MLS champs for Super Cup

AMERICAN clubs could be invited to take on the Champions League winners in a revamped Super Cup being considered by UEFA.

The winners of the Champions League, Europa League and new Europa Conference League could take on the host country's champions – in this case, the winners of MLS – as the fourth team in the competition.



RANGERS

Deal just

Gio's big rebuild now shunted on to next summer with 11 stars out of contract



WHEN the final whistle blew at Hampden four months ago it was expected to be the end of an era for that particular Rangers team.

It was seen as a cycle coming to a natural conclusion with Steven Gerrard leaving during the season to be replaced by Giovanni van Bronckhorst.

But despite the arrival of seven summer signings, the teamsheet doesn't really look that different this campaign after all.

A total of 12 of the 17 players involved in the extra-time Scottish Cup Final win over Hearts in May are still at Ibrox.

Yes, Joe Aribo and Calvin Bassey left for big money but some of the old guard stayed, with Allan McGregor, Steven Davis and Scott Arfield all handed extensions.

There was speculation over Alfredo Morelos and Ryan Kent as they entered the final year of their deals but they also remained.

Nine of the starting XI against Ajax were at Gers during Gerrard's first season. Only Sheyi Ojo has left from the team that started a Europa League win over Feyenoord three years ago.

What seems clear now is the big squad overhaul is definitely coming – but one year after it was originally forecast.

Here **Record Sport** looks at when every player in the squad's contract expires which indicates who might be heading out of Ibrox either in January or the summer.

2023

**ALLAN
McGREGOR**

VETERAN put off retirement to sign a summer extension but this will be his last season.

ROBBY McCORRIE THIRD-CHOICE goalkeeper has struggled for game time. Will either move up pecking order or move on.

FILIP HELANDER HAS spent too much time on the treatment table and looks set for summer exit – or before if Gers can find a buyer.

ADAM DEVINE YOUNGSTER is now back-up right-back after Nathan Patterson and Mateusz Zukowski both left.

RYAN JACK SCOTLAND midfielder still a regular so a decision will soon have to be made on the 30-year-old.

SCOTT ARFIELD SIGNED an extension in the summer but almost certain to move on at the end of deal.

STEVEN DAVIS VAN BRONCKHORST has turned to the veteran at times this season – perhaps more often than he'd have liked – but midfielder will surely move on next summer.

JAMES SANDS

HIS 18-month loan is coming to an end and a decision has to be made on the reported £4.7million fee to buy him from New York City.

MALIK TILLMAN BAYERN MUNICH loanee made brilliant start to Ibrox career but has gone off the boil and is another where a decision must be made on permanent deal.

RYAN KENT SPECULATION over his future has been ramped up as he approaches final six months of his contract so could leave for free.

ALFREDO MORELOS MANAGER was confident the Colombian would sign a new deal but he hasn't and is in the same boat as Kent. Striker would be a huge loss.



CLOCK IS TICKING

got real

2024

JON McLAUGHLIN

STARTED the season as first choice but has been forced out of the team by injury, although his form might have resulted in that happening anyway.

LEON KING

EMERGING talent and looks like one for the future. Young stopper was handed a start against Dundee United. Could be a key man for years to come and club will soon be looking beyond current deal.

BORNA BARISIC

HAS been at Ibrox since Gerrard's first summer and continues to be a mainstay in the team.

CHARLIE McCANN

YOUNGSTER was handed a start by van Bronckhorst and manager speaks highly of the Northern Ireland youth international.

JOHN LUNDSTRAM

FORMER Sheffield United midfielder has become a cult hero and club will almost certainly try to get him tied down for longer.

IANIS HAGI

ROMANIAN forward has been sidelined through injury for almost a year and will be like a new signing when he returns.

KEMAR ROOFE

JAMAICA international striker has struggled with injuries during his time at Ibrox and unavailable just now.

2025

GLEN KAMARA

ONE many fans believe is an example of a player who should have been moved on to freshen things up.

TOM LAWRENCE

MADE an impressive start to his Rangers career before injury. A key man going forward.

NNAMDI OFOBORH

HAS had a terrible time since medical examination shortly after his arrival detected a heart issue so hasn't kicked a ball. Unclear what the future holds for the midfielder.

ALEX LOWRY

YOUNGSTER is currently crooked but has earned rave reviews and the club have high hopes for him.

SCOTT WRIGHT

VAN BRONCKHORST appears to be a fan of the former Aberdeen winger who scored in the Scottish Cup Final win in May.

FASHION SAKALA

ZAMBIAN international forward is a bit-part player but a decent option off the bench. Hasn't featured at all since the trouncing by Celtic.

ANTONIO COLAK

CAN'T argue with his goals so far since his summer arrival from PAOK Salonika and the striker has certainly been value for money.

2026

JAMES TAVERNIER

SIGNED a new deal to continue to lead the team, taking him to a decade at Ibrox.

CONNOR GOLDSON

SURPRISED many when he signed a new four-year deal in the summer so defender is around for the long haul.

BEN DAVIES

BIG signing from Liverpool but has barely featured due to fitness. Should be a key man going forward given his price tag.

JOHN SOUTTAR

HAS struggled with injuries in past and it has been a stuttering start at Ibrox but has time on his side.

RABBI MATONDO

HAS failed to impress and didn't even make squad for Dundee United.

2027

RIDVAN YILMAZ

RANGERS vice-chairman John Bennett said to judge the Turkish international over course of his five-year deal rather than five weeks with little game time since arriving from Besiktas.

JAGS FANS IN SHARES FIGHT

BY IAIN COLLIN

THE Jags Foundation claim the ownership switch at Partick Thistle has been "designed to marginalise rather than empower fans".

A 55 per cent stake in the Firhill club was transferred to the PTFC Trust on Tuesday from Three Black Cats (3BC), the vehicle set up to pass on the majority shareholding from the late Euromillions winner Colin Weir.

But leaders of the 850-strong Foundation, which was initially favoured and then overlooked by 3BC as the preferred recipient, have long questioned the move and the transparency of the Trust, which now owns almost 75 per cent.

The Foundation argues that the Trust has been installed as new owners only to "implement" the plans of the existing club board and they have called on a "full slate of trustee elections" to democratise the club's new majority shareholders.

Prominent Thistle supporter Mhairi Black MP has backed the Foundation and labelled the share transfer as a "back-room



BACKS FOUNDATION Black

deal", saying she can't help but feel "something stinks".

A Jags Foundation statement read: "We believe that the PTFC Trust deal was not fan-initiated.

"We believe it was dreamt up by Thistle directors and officials, some of whom were, until recently, still PTFC Trust trustees. The new trustees were subsequently hand-picked to implement someone else's plan.

"If we are correct about this, the PTFC Trust deal cannot sensibly be described as fan ownership. It is a model, supported by compliant personnel, that is designed to marginalise rather than empower fans. It was crafted for the benefit of the existing board."

DRAGONS TO BE SNUFFED OUT

WALES won't need a Michael Sheen speech to rouse them when they take on Belgium in the Nations League.

All they need to do is think of their Euro 2016 quarter-final win over Roberto Martinez's stars, arguably the greatest moment in Welsh football history.

A 1-1 draw in Cardiff earlier in the Nations League also proved Rob Page's men can compete with the Belgians but that's the only point they have banked from four games. And can't see that

changing tonight, with Belgium 4/11 favourites and the Dragons as big as 7/1.

Martinez's side kept a clean sheet last time out in Poland so I like the home win to nil tonight and that pays 11/10 with McBookie.

Kevin De Bruyne is the man Wales need to stop and the Manchester City star is a tempting 7/5 at Unibet to provide an assist.

France won the last Nations League finals but

head into tonight's clash with Austria sitting bottom of their group. They need a response and I'm on the Didier Deschamps' men in the corner handicap, with France -3 paying 5/4 at Bet365.

Elsewhere I'm doubling wins for Lithuania and Lichtenstein, with that bet paying a huge 9/1 at SBK.

There's two Challenge Cup ties in Scotland as Morton host Ayr and FC Edinburgh visit Queen of the South who battered them

4-1 in the league on Saturday. So I'm going for goals with over 1.5 first-half strikes paying 13/10 at McBookie.

Super single: France -3 corner handicap (5/4, Bet365).

Deadly double: Lithuania and Liechtenstein (9/1, SBK).

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Calvin's ripe for take-off

LIVERPOOL defender Joe Gomez admits he has been impressed by Calvin Ramsay's attitude as the former Aberdeen kid adapts following a pre-season injury.

Ramsay swapped Aberdeen for Anfield in the summer as the Dons netted a club-record £4.5million fee that could rise to as much as £8m after add-ons. Gomez said: "Hopefully he's nearly there in overcoming that little issue and we're all excited to see him play.

"He seems a nice, humble lad. We're looking forward to seeing him getting involved on the pitch."



NEW START Kukharevych

Mykola's two good

HIBS boss Lee Johnson has backed Mykola Kukharevych to be a star in Leith after a fine debut.

The 21-year-old Ukrainian, on loan from Troyes, helped see off Aberdeen on Saturday - two days after cutting through red tape to sign.

Johnson said: "I was really pleased with his build-up play. It was a big effort, physically, and he's only been in two days. It shows how bright he is."

Livi pair to take it gradually

DAVID MARTINDALE is sure the international break will prove perfect for getting injured Livingston pair Bruce Anderson and Morgan Boyes back up to speed.

Both have been sidelined by ankle problems and Martindale will tread carefully with them.

The Livi boss said: "Both will tell me right now they're available. But just to give us that extra couple of weeks' training time and healing time, it's going to be hugely beneficial to them and the squad in the long-term."



CELTIC



INTEREST Aussie Tim Cahill

Leicester is not on my wavelength

FROM BACK PAGE

been tipped by some in his homeland as a potential successor to ex-Celtic boss Brendan Rodgers at Leicester City as the Northern Irishman is under severe pressure after a nightmare start to the EPL campaign.

Former Everton and Australia midfielder Tim Cahill is among those tipping the Parkhead gaffer to eventually make the jump down south.

But Postecoglou insists he's already in a dream job and is focused on his Celtic mission.

Speaking to Australian media on a whistle-stop return to his homeland, he said: "It's not really on my radar. It's a bit like our players, I keep saying to them, if they do what they do well then all this other stuff takes care of itself, whatever their ambitions or my ambitions may be.

"My ambition's always been the same, wherever I've been, it's to be as successful as I can.

"I've charted a course for myself that's got me to where I am today. I've just tried to do what I've done to the best of my ability and opportunities arise from that.

"Right now, as I said, I'm at a massive football club. I'm living the dream and I'm enjoying every minute of it.

"Just determined to bring as much success as I can to it while I'm there."

Socceroos hero Cahill believes it's a question of when Postecoglou will land a crack at the Premier League, saying: "If there's interest now, that means there's interest later.

"He's someone that will probably have aspirations of coaching in one of the biggest leagues in the world."

But Postecoglou played down the talk of the English top flight being a step up - because he already has a huge job on his hands in Scotland.

He added: "I'm at a really massive football club at the moment. We play in front of 60,000 people, we have the opportunity to win trophies and we're in the Champions League. It's a massive football club."

IN DEMAND
DOWN UNDER
Ange is back in
his homeland



One stand for Celts fans was Buddie good call



HUGE LIFT Needham

JOHN NEEDHAM insists Sunday's result against Celtic on and off the pitch proved St Mirren made the right call to restrict the travelling support to just one stand.

The Saints chairman was among thousands of Buddies celebrating a memorable win against the Hoops, which coincided with the first meeting with an Old Firm side in Paisley since the club decided to keep the Tony Fitzpatrick Family Stand strictly for home fans. There

BY BEN RAMAGE

were hundreds more Saints supporters in the ground than at the same fixture in December last year, with Sunday's attendance of 6331 only down slightly from 6596 - despite halving the allocation given to the Hoops.

Needham said: "Results like that give everyone at the club a huge lift. I personally felt that it felt much more like a home game for us on Sunday. None of our

supporters had to move from the Tony Fitzpatrick stand.

"The noise certainly wasn't as loud from the away support as it has been previously.

"In the past if we'd gone ahead against Celtic or Rangers, their fans would have roused their team and cheered them on from both ends.

"They didn't have that advantage this time around. I like to think it helped our team, only having one stand of away supporters to face."

HOME ON THE ANGE

ANGE POSTECOGLOU has taken advantage of the international break to skip back to his homeland for a few days.

The Celtic boss might enjoy the odd barbecue but he'll still be stewing on the St Mirren defeat at the weekend.

It's not a sensation the Greek-Australian is used to. The slip-up in Paisley on Sunday was his first Premiership loss in 364 days.

Postecoglou admitted it would be BORING if his team just turned up and won every single week – even if the fans would quite like it – but that doesn't mean he doesn't get down in the dumps on the rare occurrence it happens.

The Parkhead gaffer won't be grilling any of his star men though after a remarkable run of results that took the Hoops from a shaky start to Scottish champs in his first year in charge and back to the summit of the table this season on the back of an Old Firm roasting of Rangers.

Postecoglou is using his trip back to Australia to pause for a breath – before getting right back to business when he returns.

He said: "I don't take losses well, never have, be it my first job at South Melbourne or now. But if I knew we were going to win all the time I'd get bored of it pretty quickly."

"We've got to sit on it for a couple of weeks but at the same time we've been on an extraordinary run."

"The players have been unbelievable over the last 15-16 months with the progress we've made and this is just part of it. Learn from it, grow from it and come back stronger."

"The next game for the club is not too far from my mind while I'm here. We've still got a few guys back home that are training with the rest of the coaching squad."

"When we get back, we've got something like 15 games in six, seven weeks."

"Between now and the World Cup, or when we come here, it's an enormous programme. It's a pretty pivotal part of the season. I'm looking forward to getting back into it."

Postecoglou was swamped by Aussie media on his return and had the chance to reflect on his incredible impact in Scotland.

He told his chums about Celtic being the perfect match for him – a club that demands attacking football and a manager that has dedicated his career to playing that way.

But he also knows where the real barometer lies – in the Champions League. His

If I knew we were going to win every time I'd get BORED

But I'm still stewing over shock Saints defeat says Postecoglou

BY MICHAEL GANNON

Celtic side have picked up a point and plenty of plaudits so far in their defeat to Real Madrid and the draw with Shakhtar Donetsk.

The Hoops have a double header with RB Leipzig after the international break and Postecoglou isn't interested in more pats on the back.

When it was put to him Celts were superb for an hour against Real, he shrugged: "The game goes for 90, mate."

"It was a great night, people told me how special European nights are at Celtic Park, the Champions League anthem gets played and the noise was incredible."

"It was special but it gives me motivation to bring success. That's where the club needs to be."

"High standards we have to match

and succeed. Celtic haven't been in the Champions League for five years, I don't want to just do these six games as an experience."

"I want to take some scalps and then create a good platform, qualify again, bridge that gap a bit more."

Postecoglou's sole focus is on Celtic but he'll remain a dedicated fan of the Socceroos and there are times when his twin loves overlap.

He has backed Hoops midfielder Aaron Mooy for an Aussie World Cup berth and while Tom Rogic might have signed off after nearly a decade at Parkhead and headed to West Brom, he's still hoping his old charge can make an impact in Qatar.

He said: "We've taken our time with Aaron to get him up to speed."

"He's in a good place

back in Scotland with his family, playing again for a big club. We've got a hell of a programme after this international break. We have 13-14 games in six or seven weeks, so he'll have plenty of football before the World Cup and be raring to go."

"Tom is a legend at Celtic but I could sense that he just needed a change."

"People shouldn't underestimate him to last that long at a club like Celtic, which demands success."

"No doubt if fit, raring to go, he'll be a challenge for anyone at the World Cup."

"One thing for sure is I'll be watching."

Postecoglou is on a flying visit but he'll be back with the Celtic squad for the Sydney Cup in November.

He said: "It's funny, I haven't been back for three, four years. It's been pretty hectic. But yeah, great to be back home."

"I'm keen to bring the group here. I've been selling the beauty of our country from over there, I think they'll enjoy it, especially at that time of the year. We'll be fit and in good nick and put on a good show."



MAGIC MIC Postecoglou holds court in front of the local media

Hotline

» DAVID MCCARTHY ANSWERS YOUR CALLS

Not so sweet for 'Mr Sounness' as callers go on the offensive

LESS said, Sounness mended.

Not a phrase you'll ever hear on the **Hotline** and certainly not the day after Graeme Sounness – or Sounness as he was dubbed by one caller – slaughtered Celtic for failing to condemn fans for their chanting during the minute's applause for the Queen at Paisley on Sunday.

Predictably, the former Rangers manager's comments brought a divided response but the majority of points came from Celtic fans blasting back.

Eddie Easson, Ballingry, emailed: "I call him Sounness. What a statement from the man that nearly caused a civil war in Turkey with his flag-planting ceremony. Not all Celtic fans can be tarred with his brush. Does he think for one minute the Ibrox support would clap or be silent for the Pope? No chance."

"What does he want the Celtic board to do? Shut the stadium? Get a grip Graeme."

Richard Wharton, Carlisle, said: "So Sounness opens his big mouth and says Celtic are a disgrace. Lots of people don't like the Royals. Does he not realise that his beloved club is the most hated club in Scotland?"

Paul Price, Belfast, said: "I'm not here to defend what happened on Sunday as I was brought up to neither make fun of nor disrespect the dead but I'm just after watching footage of Mr Sounness encouraging players in the Rangers dressing room to sing The Billy Boys so I won't be taking any lectures from you."

George Fairgrieve, Edinburgh, said: "Sounness is quite right to condemn the anti royal chants from the Celtic support, however he's never quite so vocal when the Rangers support are blurring out their renditions of the Sash and the Famine Song. And why would an Edinburgh boy support Rangers... or Celtic?"

Fraser Davison, Glasgow, said: "Is Sounness for real? Only days after saying football's a man's game and enraging female players and fans (rightly so) he comes back out from under his stone to mouth off again. Didn't hear him being so quick to condemn the unacceptable face of Scottish football in George Square after Gers won the title."

But **Andrew Lamb, Fraserburgh,** emailed:

"Sounness is simply saying what most of us have said for years, that there's a toxic element amongst the Celtic support driven by hatred and bitterness. That anti-Queen stuff was vile, and I personally walked away from being a Celtic supporter due to that Irish Republican tosh. It's time that element was driven from football."

Hibs fan **John Scott, Grassmoor,** said: "OK, Hibs deserved criticism for disrupting a moment of respect."

"However, the media whipping didn't match the anger of the real Hibs fans standing near the morons chanting."

On to Rangers, and the interview given by vice chairman John Bennett to club media didn't go down too well with Ibrox fans. **Jimmy Mac, Glasgow,** emailed: "Bennett only spoke about Champions League money but what happened to the estimated £50million+ Europa League finalists' cash and player sales

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'This is a man who almost caused a civil war in Turkey planting flag'

estimated at £50m – £16m Patterson, £22m Bassey, £10m Aribio, undisclosed players' sale monies estimated at £2m.

"That's an estimated £100m which Bennett never mentioned but that money somehow flew away up into the sky."

"Bennett answered next to nothing and paid the support lip service only."

Derek Adese, Dundee, said: "I couldn't care less about Bennett and his cohorts."

"My one and only point was his comment: 'I believe this to be the strongest Rangers team since I've been here.'"

"I don't know how long he's been here but I've been here for over 50 years, sticking up for my team. This team is not nearly as strong as last year's, so even if he's been two years in his job, it's gone backwards."

"It's time to get the finger out before the support wanes."

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HISTORY Matthew and Michael

Craigs crave the chance to scale the twin peaks

» N IRELAND U21S
v SCOTLAND U21S

MARK WALKER

TOTTENHAM starlet Matthew Craig is aiming to create history in the future with his brother Michael by becoming the first identical twins to play for Scotland.

The 19-year-old midfielder could make his Scots Under-21s debut today in Belfast as Scot Gemmill's new look side take on Northern Ireland in a friendly, alongside his twin who plays for Reading.

Craig has made eye-catching progress at Spurs and was on their bench for a recent game in the Champions League.

Now he's aiming to make a big impact at international level too after learning from some big stars, along with his brother into the bargain.

Matthew said: "I'd say I was the better player and he would say he was! It's unique being able to play with someone as close as he is.

"We are identical twins too. I was playing with him at Spurs for four or five years before he moved on to Reading. Playing together for our country could be even more exciting."

Meanwhile, Celtic B coach Stephen McManus has been appointed as one of Gemmill's assistant managers to replace Peter Houston.

Rangers defender Leon King misses out this afternoon with a minor ankle knock.

Elliot in Toon for brightest future

SCOTLAND Under-21 cap Elliot Anderson has signed a new long-term contract at Newcastle.

The 19-year-old is eligible to play for both Scotland and England at international level. He has represented the Scots since Under-16 level though and earned his first cap for the Under-21s back in the summer.

Anderson said: "I'm really happy. I love playing for Newcastle United and committing my future to the club is something I've really wanted to do."

ENGLAND



I'LL KEEP GOING UNTIL THE HEND

PROUD Henderson wants to replicate success at club level with Liverpool, above, on the international stage

NO FLAGGING



BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

IS Scotland's Bob MacIntyre a certainty to feature in Europe's next Ryder Cup team?

QUICK QUIZ?

- 1 England bowler Luke Wood represents which county?
- 2 For which club does Scotland striker Lyndon Dykes play?
- 3 Jonas Eidevall is the manager of which WSL team?
- 4 How many Paralympic gold medals has wheelchair racer Hannah Cockcroft won? a) 5 b) 6 c) 7
- 5 In which year did Andy Murray win the US Open?
- 6 In which country will the 2023 Ryder Cup take place?
- 7 Who will captain England in the upcoming Women's World Cup?
- 8 The Lions, Tigers and Pistons are sports teams based in which US city?
- 9 Who will Savannah Marshall face in her world middleweight title fight?
- 10 Which F1 team does Japanese driver Yuki Tsunoda race for?

ON THIS DAY



2003: Former Italy, Juventus and Middlesbrough striker Fabrizio Ravanelli signed a two-year contract with Dundee.

TV SPORT

FOOTBALL: Nations League - Belgium v Wales (Premier Sports 1, 8.45pm).
GOLF: Open de France (Sky Sports Main Event/Sky Sports Golf, 12.30pm); Presidents Cup (Sky Sports Golf, 5.30pm/Sky Sports Main Event, 7.30pm); KPMG Women's Irish Open (Sky Sports Mix, 3pm).
CRICKET: International T20 - Pakistan v England (Sky Sports Main Event/Sky Sports Cricket, 3pm).
BASEBALL: Major League - San Diego Padres v St Louis Cardinals (BT Sport 2, 9pm); Philadelphia Phillies v Atlanta Braves (BT Sport 3, Midnight).

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Super-fit Jordan just getting started with England as he looks to make up for agonies of World Cup and Euros

EVEN at 32, there is no sign of Jordan Henderson slowing down.

In fact, the Liverpool captain is already talking about playing on for another five years and takes issue with a question about whether the World Cup could be his last chance of a trophy with England.

Three Lions midfielder Henderson said: "I hope not! I still feel good. I wouldn't look too far ahead, I don't think there is any need to, but it is another huge opportunity."

"We've done well in the last few tournaments and hopefully we have learnt from the experience of the last World Cup and Euros so we can take it into this tournament."

"I look at some players still playing internationals at 36 and 37. So it just depends on how you feel physically and I feel very good. I think last season I played more games than anyone else in Europe. So physically it's not an issue and I'm still

BY JOHN CROSS

excited being here with England. If that wasn't the case then I would maybe think about that but I'm always excited about being called up.

"I want to be here and I want to show I can help the team become successful."

"Until that changes there's no reason to even think about that [packing it in]."

Henderson played 62 games for club and country last season and was desperate to report for England duty even when he was struggling with a hamstring issue before the international break.

His call-up to the squad was arranged last week - and he would have hoped to have played for Liverpool until their Chelsea game was postponed - but the announcement was delayed until after the Queen's funeral.

That is typical of Henderson, being patriotic, determined to play for England and also keep himself in the best possible shape. He is teetotal during the season, with the vast majority of Liverpool players also not drinking, and reckons that is the same for most footballers.

He looks leaner and in better shape than ever - his chiselled face hidden by a healthy beard - and knows he also faces a major test to get into this England team for Qatar.

Henderson said: "I don't know if I'm fitter than I was when I was 20 because I was pretty fit then! But I feel like I'm in such a good spot. It's a big part of how I play the game and it's a reflection of how seriously I take the game off the pitch as well."

"I've never done that [drink during the season] since I was a kid and always eaten the right things. It was always in me as a kid. I never wanted to go out drinking or doing anything like that. It was always football, football, football."

"If we go back to when I was starting my career, I was probably an exception. Whereas now when I look, I'd

say the exception is TO drink. A lot of players don't drink in general. A lot of the Liverpool squad don't drink."

Henderson did miss the Nations League games in June having played in the Champions League Final but, looking on from the outside, those defeats and the England fans turning on Gareth Southgate was the first real setback for this generation.

Now they face Italy tomorrow and Germany on Monday night with the real possibility of finishing bottom of their Group which means a harder Euros qualifying group.

Despite the setback, the belief in the squad remains high ahead of the World Cup and Henderson's passion for England is as strong as ever.

The veteran said: "As a kid one of my dreams was to play for England, my biggest dream. That will never change, I want to do it as long as possible and play my part."

"As time has gone on I've got more experience but that hasn't changed - the excitement I have pulling on an England shirt."

"I always feel with England that we have a chance to win. Right from the first time I came into the set-up at 20 years old. It is a huge honour and I never take it for granted."

"There has always been that possibility of dreaming and wanting to achieve something with England."

"You can learn a lot from those periods when your form isn't great and we can learn from those games and put that into the World Cup. It is not just to put it right, it is about preparing for the biggest competition in the world."

"Excitement, adrenalin, the past experiences we have had in tournaments, we want to create more memories. To be able to do that you need to be spot on, be 100 per cent in every aspect on and off the pitch. If we do that we have a very small chance."



BEING PICKED ON City's Grealish

Souness does not know Jack about me so put sock in it

BY JEREMY CROSS

JACK GREALISH has hit back at Graeme Souness and accused the pundit of having an agenda against him.

And the England ace has told Souness he is more worried about criticism from his mum than anything he has to say.

The Rangers and Liverpool legend has been highly critical of the form of Grealish and claims the 27-year-old has been a flop since joining Manchester City for £100million in 2021.

Grealish admits he can do better and has to improve but is convinced Souness is picking on him for the sake of it.

The forward said: "I don't know what his problem is with me. He always says stuff about me but I try not to read a lot of it."

"It is difficult when he's on Sky Sports and it's everywhere around the training ground at times."

"Listen, he was obviously a great player and won a lot but I don't know what it is with what he says about me, or what problem he's got."

"I know within myself, I always watch my games back and I am very critical of myself. I know that there were games, especially in the second half of last season, where I wasn't at my best at all."

"People have so much to say, whether that be on social media or pundits and stuff like that. It's just part and parcel of the game."

"Everyone wants to talk about it, whether it is good or bad, so you just have to go with the flow really. I've had to learn to deal with it. It's more if someone was saying it like my mum or my dad or someone, I'd listen a lot more."

That's my dad done after Paris troubles

JORDAN HENDERSON has revealed his dad is too scared to go to the World Cup after the shocking trouble before the Champions League Final.

Henderson's father Brian and his family were caught up in the horrific scenes outside the Stade de France in June when Liverpool fans were attacked by local gangs, tear gassed by police and then blamed by UEFA.

Henderson said: "My dad said that after the Champions League Final, that was him done."

HARRY TO SHOW HIS LOVE

ENGLAND and the FA have broken their silence on the human rights record in Qatar - and vowed to help fight discrimination in the controversial state.

Harry Kane will join the other captains of European nations at the World Cup by wearing an armband with 'One Love' on it as an anti-discrimination gesture.

The FA have also vowed to lobby FIFA over new labour protection laws in a bid to help stop the abuse of migrant workers, calling for

those who have died to be compensated through their families.

Migrant workers who helped build stadiums and infrastructure ahead of this winter's World Cup finals will be invited to St George's Park to meet Gareth Southgate's stars.

Kane said: "I am honoured to join my fellow national team captains in supporting the important One Love campaign."

"We stand together against all forms of discrimination."



NATIONS LEAGUE

FIVE TALKING POINTS

JUST DESSERTS



You don't always get what you deserve in football... but then sometimes you do.

Scotland more than earned this thumping win - and then some.

It took until late on to get rewards but the scoreline didn't flatter - if anything Ukraine were let off lightly.

Scotland could not have done much more before John McGinn, above, ended our agony.

FLAT PACK FOUR



IT wasn't quite 'Mike Bassett: England Manager' but Steve Clarke did roll out a back four.

The back three used up until now was about getting Kieran Tierney and Andy Robertson in the line up - but with Robbo, above, out there was an opportunity for change.

There was no real need for wing backs - it'll be interesting to see what happens when the skipper is fit.

KT IS MORE THAN OK



THE reason it will be interesting is that Tierney, left, really looked the part back in his more natural role.

You can't blame Clarke for shuffling him on to the left of a back three and he's made the role his own - but seeing him in his more familiar spot showed just how good he is; constantly bombing up the flank and whipping in balls.

There's a tough call coming.

WHAT A VARS



THE video ref was watching but must have been tuned in to Corrie when Valeriy Bondar, left, went NFL linebacker on Che Adams.

It was extraordinary the defender stayed on the pitch. Adams showed a brilliant touch and burst of pace to race clear but was totally wiped out.

Forget 'scoring opportunity' - it was excessive force but ref Maurizio Mariani didn't give it a second look.

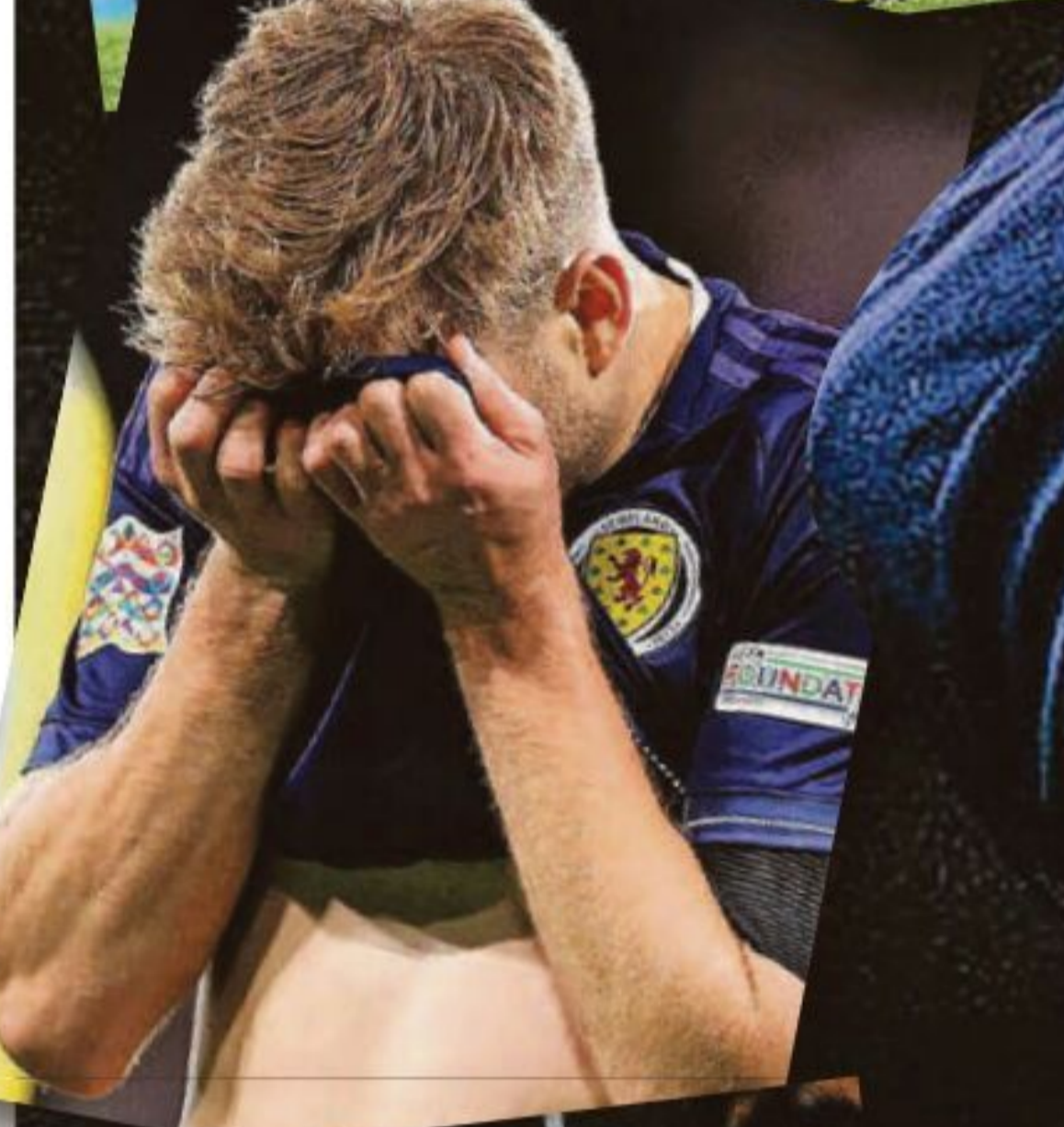
TOUCH OF CLASS



UKRAINE boss Oleksandr Petrakov has enough on his plate right now.

Not only was he trying to lead his side to vital Nations League points, he's also got UEFA on his case for claiming he'd pick up a gun and join the fight against Russia.

Petrakov, above, is a respected leader and scenes of him consoling Nathan Patterson as the youngster was stretchered off showed real class.



LYND OF MAKE BELIEVE Dykes' double and McGinn's opener, bottom left, more than made up for earlier misses by battered and bruised Adams, top left, and Armstrong, centre

CHARLES HOPES TO BE SCORING KING

BOLTON striker Dion Charles claims he will repay national boss Ian Baraclough with goals if he gives him a chance with Northern Ireland.

All Charles' 11 international appearances have been from the bench and he's itching for his first start in Saturday's

BY DAVID ANDERSON

Nations League game against Kosovo at Windsor Park.

The 26-year-old has netted four times in eight games for his club this season and he said: "I've had a conversation with Ian to let him know I feel I'm ready. We were just talking

about how I've been doing at Bolton, things I can improve.

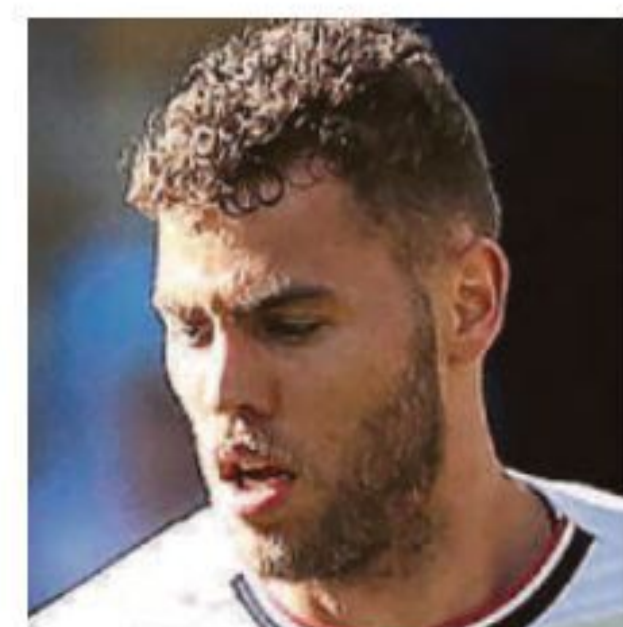
"My main aim is to hopefully get that first start and get that first goal. I've been close a few times when I've come on.

"I'm confident in my own ability. I've worked very hard."

Some fans want former

Motherwell boss Baraclough out because top seeds Northern Ireland only have two points from their first four Nations League games.

Charles added: "If the performances aren't there on the pitch, they have every right to have a moan."



WANTS START Dion Charles

BIG MATCH ACTION

THE King was sitting in the stand. King Kenny, that is.

And you can bet your bottom dollar he had a smile as wide as the Clyde in the 70th minute when John McGinn scored a goal right out of the Dalglish play book to set up a Scotland win that was thoroughly deserved and much needed.

On the edge of the box that Scotland had battered all night, the captain with his back to goal and a defender right at his backside, used his butt to swivel his man and rifle home a left-foot shot, just as our most capped player did so often in his heyday.

McGinn's goal, added to Lyndon Dykes' headed double, was no more than Steve Clarke's men deserved. Scotland were terrific and won by the length of Sauchiehall Street.

Back in June, defeat to Ukraine felt like the end of the world. Last night, against the same opposition, this felt like a new beginning.

The win breathed new life into a Nations League campaign that looked snuffed out by that horror show in Dublin 10 days after Ukraine smashed our World Cup hopes.

It was strangely muted for spells, even when Scotland were on the front foot. The anthems were belted out lustily, as expected. Then came the minute's applause in honour of the Queen.

Boos rang round the stadium, undoubtedly, but so too did the applause, loud and long.

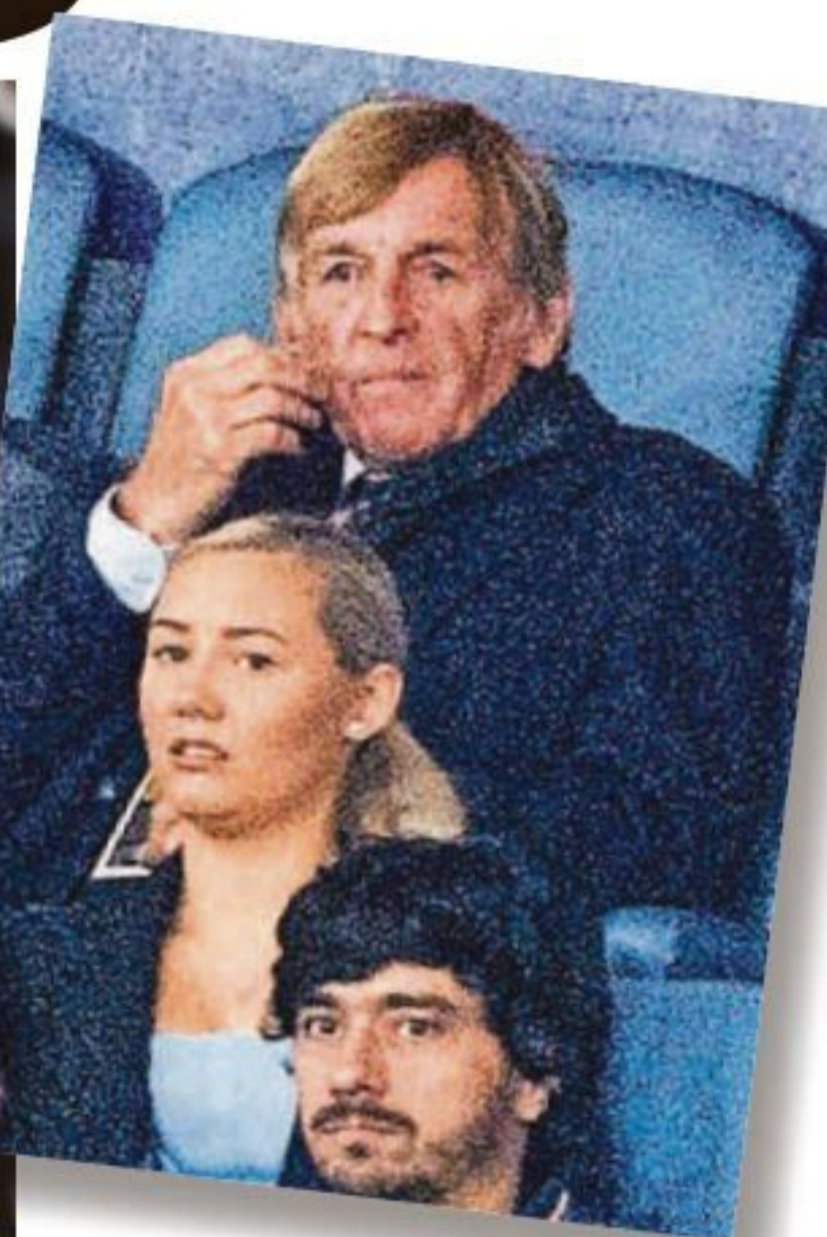
The players looked as if they were relieved just to get started and when they did it was clear that Clarke had ditched the back three system that he has favoured for much of his Scotland tenure.

Jack Hendry and Scott McKenna at centre-back were flanked by Nathan Patterson and Kieran Tierney, who had been so badly missed in the previous clash in July.

And Tierney immediately made his presence felt with a couple of dashing overlaps designed to put doubt in the minds of the visitors who had so much of their own way in June.

Che Adams led the line, supported by McGinn and Ryan Christie while the trio of Callum McGregor, Scott McTominay and Stuart Armstrong started full of energy, shutting down the spaces that Ukraine had

All the King's men put us back together again



ROYAL VARIETY Dalglish would have been delighted with the subs' performances at Hampden

Legend Kenny would have watched super show with pride

THE BIG MATCH » VERDICT

BY DAVID MCCARTHY

exploited so effectively in that 3-1 play-off win.

Adams tested keeper Anatoliy Trubin in the 10th minute and shortly afterwards should have launched himself at a low Christie cross that fizzed along the six-yard line just needing a toe to jab it in.

Clarke would have been delighted with the first 20 minutes.

Not so much with the misfortune that befell Nathan Patterson in the 22nd when the Everton man sustained what looked like a serious knee

injury and was eventually stretchered off around the perimeter of the pitch to heartfelt applause.

Aaron Hickey was a straight swap but it was a huge blow for Patterson, who has been in superb form for his club and had carried that onto the international stage before the injury.

Scotland continued to press high and effectively, trying to pressurise their rivals into errors and succeeding.

Right on the stroke of half-time, Ukraine should have been down to 10 men. How Valeriy

Bondar only got a yellow for his assault on Adams as the Scot bore down on goal – and why VAR didn't intervene – will be forever a mystery.

Scotland continued to threaten and, as the hour approached, Armstrong tested the keeper again, although had he angled the shot left or right of Trubin he would have been celebrating – and he should have been on the hour when a lovely flick from McTominay opened up the Ukrainian defence only for the midfielder to slash high and wide.

Adams then crashed a header off the bar and followed it with another one that thudded off the turf only to hit the keeper's leg. The crowd was going nuts by this time.

It might have taken a while

for them to clear their throats but the Hampden Roar was in full cry. The chances kept coming... and going. Adams did brilliantly to find Armstrong eight yards out, slap bang in front of goal. Somehow the header spun wide.

The goal had to come and with 20 minutes to go it did. McGinn used his backside to turn Bondar and rifled his shot low into the corner.

It was no more than Scotland deserved – and when sub Dykes, on the pitch for just four minutes, bulleted home a Ryan Fraser corner – then produced a carbon-copy finish a few minutes later, we didn't even have the usual nail-biting ending to endure.

Only a celebration – a feast fit for a King.



REFRESHED Gareth Bale

Bale so glad he swapped La Liga for Los Angeles

» **BELGIUM v WALES**

TONIGHT, 7.45PM, S4C

GARETH BALE breezed into Wales' camp beaming a huge Californian smile after being reinvigorated by his move to America.

The star felt unwanted and unloved at Real Madrid as he ran down his huge contract this summer before joining Los Angeles.

Bale, 33, is preparing for his 107th cap tonight in Brussels against Belgium.

And the frontman said: "I'm very happy. The fans have been really supportive over there, they've been patient as well which is good.

"I'm enjoying playing in America, the atmosphere is incredible, they're all supporting the team.

"So it's good vibes from the MLS and hopefully that gives me more confidence with Wales as well. The last few years I had to come into Wales' camp and try to dig deep and find my fitness.

"It's ideal for all of us to be playing as much as we can so we can perform better for Wales.

"You can be as fit as you want training and doing your running but playing games makes you sharper and better on the pitch. I'm getting stronger and fitter."

Wales boss Rob Page added: "Gareth was bright – you wouldn't have thought he'd just got off a flight from the States."

RESULTS & FIXTURES

NATIONS LEAGUE LEAGUE B, GROUP 1										
SCOTLAND	.....3	UKRAINE	.....0							
McGinn 70										
Dykes 82, 87										
		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
SCOTLAND	.....4	3	0	1	9	4	9			
UKRAINE	.....4	2	1	1	5	4	7			
REP. OF IRELAND	.....4	1	1	2	4	3	4			
ARMENIA	.....4	1	0	3	2	9	3			

FOOTBALL TODAY

(7.45, unless stated)

Nations League Group A1 – Croatia v Denmark, France v Austria;
Group A4 – Belgium v Wales, Poland v Netherlands; **Group C1** – Lithuania v Faroes, Turkey v Luxembourg;
Group C3 – Kazakhstan v Belarus (3.0), Slovakia v Azerbaijan;
Group D1 – Latvia v Moldova (5.0), Liechtenstein v Andorra;
SPFL Trust Trophy 3rd rd – Morton v Ayr, Queen of South v Edinburgh.

MATT HAUNTED BY HAMPDEN HOODOO

MATT DOHERTY won't allow his own personal Hampden Park trauma to trouble him when he returns to the iconic arena on Saturday night.

The Spurs star is tipped to slot into the right wing-back role for Ireland having missed four Nations League games because

BY PAUL LENNON

of the knee injury he sustained against Aston Villa in April.

It's a decade since Doherty played for Hibs in their defeat by Hearts in the Scottish Cup Final.

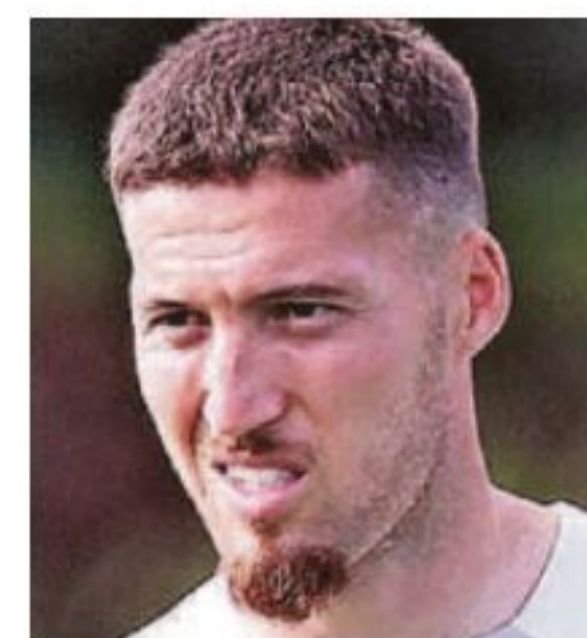
Doherty, on loan from Wolves at the time, was one of five Irish

players in Pat Fenlon's squad. And he said: "It could not have gone worse. I had a tough game and we lost the Edinburgh derby 5-1. "Was I booked? Thanks for reminding me!"

This weekend's game will see Doherty go head to head with Arsenal left-back Kieran Tierney

with the former Celtic defender switching from central defence due to Andy Robertson's injury.

Doherty added: "I played against him at The Emirates a couple of years back. I know what his strengths are and what he brings to the table. It could be a pretty good battle if we start."



SPURRED ON Doherty



NATIONS LEAGUE

» Man by Man

CRAIG SWAN

SCOTLAND

CRAIG GORDON 7

Little to do in terms of direct saves and alive to anything that needed to be swept up around the area.

NATHAN PATTERSON 3

Raided forward and good cross for McGinn header before injury struck.

JACK HENDRY 8

Strong defending to thwart Mudryk in the box. Blocked off Yarmolenko for Gordon to clear. Composed and solid.

SCOTT McKENNA 8

Tough and strong against powerful Dovbyk. Positional discipline, moved it simply. Headed over.

KIERAN TIERNEY 8

Always available to take ball. Terrific press and pick out for Armstrong chance. Volley saved.

SCOTT McTOMINAY 8

Strong in middle of park to give a base. Fraction out with pass into Christie. Great backheel set up Armstrong.

CALLUM McGREGOR 8

Alert and mobile, taking ball and moving it as well as covering spaces. Mature and excellent show.

JOHN MCGINN 8

Glanced header wide. Two lifts to back post for Adams headers then typical strength and precision to hit opener.

STUART ARMSTRONG 8

Constantly involved. Two strikes saved before blazing golden chance over. Only loose finishing let him down.

RYAN CHRISTIE 8

Brilliant job on left. Inches from finding Adams with pullback and header over.

CHE ADAMS 8

Worked backline and linked game. Victim of a dreadful foul. Hit bar with one header before Trubin saved next.

SUBS:

AARON HICKEY 7

Excellent job going forward and kept tabs on pacy and direct Mudryk.

LYNDON DYKES 6

Terrific movement to front post and leap to score. Then repeated the trick.

RYAN FRASER 5

Hung up two inviting corners for Dykes to head home his goals.

KENNY McLEAN 2

On to give Christie a rest.

GREG TAYLOR 2

Replaced Tierney in final stages.

UKRAINE: Trubin, Karavaev, Bondar, Matviyenko, Mykhailichenko, Stepanenko (Sydoruk 46), Yarmolenko (Tsygankov 66), Pikhayonok (Zubkov 80), Malinovskiy, Mudryk (Ignatenko 80), Dovbyk (Yaremchuk 66).

REFEREE: M Mariani (Italy).

POSSESSION



8	SHOTS ON TARGET	0
16	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
7	CORNERS	0
6	FOULS	12
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McGinn's our

Battling Ukraine deal with almost everything.. but they can't cope with Super John's BUM!



REAR WE GO John McGinn lashes in opener after using his bum to good effect then Lyndon Dykes heads in late double, right, to seal vital win

JUST when Ukraine thought they had dealt with everything that could possibly be thrown at them.

Just when it seemed the spirit which has carried their nation through unspeakable horrors was about to break the sporting resolve of Scotland for a second time in four months.

Just when Steve Clarke and his players were running out of ways to dismantle their defences.

John McGinn resorted to the very last resort available. And he brought them down with his BUM.

McGinn's trademark turn might be a throwback to the days of Kenny Dalglish but Ukraine didn't see it coming and when it did, it reduced them to pieces as the skipper fired home a vital opening goal with time fast running out.

Two late goals from sub Lyndon Dykes made it look comfortable on the night. But this was a win which Scotland could not have more richly

» **SCOTLAND.....3 UKRAINE.....0**

KEITH JACKSON AT HAMPDEN

deserved, given the performances all over the pitch.

Clarke sprung a major surprise before kick-off. He had chosen this moment – one of enormous importance given the circumstances – to do away with his trademark three-at-the-back formation.

By reverting to a flat four, he moved Scott McTominay's muscle into midfield and deployed Stuart Armstrong and Ryan Christie on either side of striker Che Adams.

It was entirely unexpected and Clarke may have been hoping that this impromptu overhaul might have messed with whatever malevolent masterplan the Ukrainians had.

Once bitten, twice shy and all that. In fact, it quickly turned out to be a

masterstroke of his own. First though, came the ignominy of having to listen to a predictably obnoxious element of the home support boo another trashed tribute to the Queen.

This was an unwelcome start to the night. Thankfully, when the game started, things quickly began to look a great deal better.

Scotland were pressing far higher up the pitch with McGinn leading an advanced role in midfield and Callum McGregor and McTominay bolting the doors behind him.

Christie and Armstrong were finding pockets of space down both sides and Adams was using his bulk to let the Ukrainians know they were in a proper game this time.

And with Kieran Tierney and

Nathan Patterson bursting forward from full-back positions, Ukraine's players seemed rattled.

Patterson set the tone in the opening seconds when he galloped back into his own box to execute a tackle on the dangerous Mykhaylo Mudryk to snuff out an early raid.

From that moment the Everton sensation didn't put a foot wrong until the 22nd minute when, sickeningly, his leg buckled under the weight of Ruslan Malinovskiy and he had to limp off in a state of obvious distress before being taken away on a stretcher.

This was a considerable setback given the way Scotland had settled. Adams might have opened the scoring twice in the frantic opening exchanges had he gambled to get on McGinn's head flick and Christie's low cross.

In between times, the Southampton man forced keeper Anatoliy Trubin into a first save of the night with a shot from 18 yards. Then two chances for

BIG MATCH ACTION

cheeky boy



Christie who headed the first one over at full stretch and couldn't adjust his feet in time to convert from close range after Trubin had fumbled Armstrong's effort.

The pause for Patterson's injury robbed Scotland of momentum, with Aaron Hickey sent on.

But Scotland ended the half back on the front foot and Valeriy Bondar was the luckiest man in Hampden not to be sent off for a brutal assault on Adams just when the powerful striker was surging in behind Ukraine's defence at full pelt.

When he reappeared for the second half it was Bonard's turn to be subjected to angry jeers every time he touched the ball. And this was perfectly justified.

There was a momentary scare at the other end when Craig Gordon raced out of his box to tidy up a long probe only for his hurried clearance to drop to Mudryk who

fired a first-time effort towards the keeper's empty net.

But his aim was out and Scotland survived before carving out their next big chances of the night.

First, Tierney's perpetual motion carried him to the byeline from where he picked out Armstrong with a cut-back but, again, the shot was straight down Trubin's throat.

Then McTominay's drag-back set Armstrong up for another sight at goal but this one blazed over.

Adams hit the bar from a McGinn cross and then had a second header scrambled off the line by Trubin's feet. It was all becoming agonising now and when Armstrong headed wide it began to feel ominously so.

But then with 20 minutes left the breakthrough finally arrived when Ukraine, now camped inside their own box, were finally undone. By McGinn's backside.

It seemed another Scotland

attack had been repelled at first but Tierney's doggedness kept it alive.

His ball into the box was rushed and untidy but McGinn made it his by buffeting into Bondar and sending the big man sprawling all in one trademark turn before lashing home from 16 yards.

The outstanding Adams and Armstrong made way in 76 minutes with Dykes and Ryan Fraser taking over. And in no time the pair had combined to devastating effect not once but twice.

Two identical Fraser corners, two towering leaps from Dykes. Two unstoppable headers into the back of the net.

No wonder they looked stunned by it all. This was no ordinary defeat after all. This was the ultimate bum's rush.

NOW GET INTO THE REPUBLIC

FROM BACK PAGE

here in June. The victory means Scotland are now just two draws away from winning their Nations League group and securing a place in the play-offs for Euro 2024.

But Ukraine resisted Scotland's onslaught for 70 minutes before stand-in skipper McGinn fired the stunning opening goal to break their resistance.

The result was wrapped up by a late double from sub Lyndon Dykes.

Clarke praised McGinn and said: "It was his 49th cap and it'll be his 50th on Saturday. Hopefully he gets another goal on his 50th."

"It took us longer than we thought to get the first goal. We had some decent chances but when the first goal went in, John did what he does well."

"It was a good finish and from there you could see the confidence grow."

"When you're on the side of the pitch you know your team is creating chances, you are just waiting and expecting one of them to go in. You have belief and trust in your players to take one of them. That's what happened."

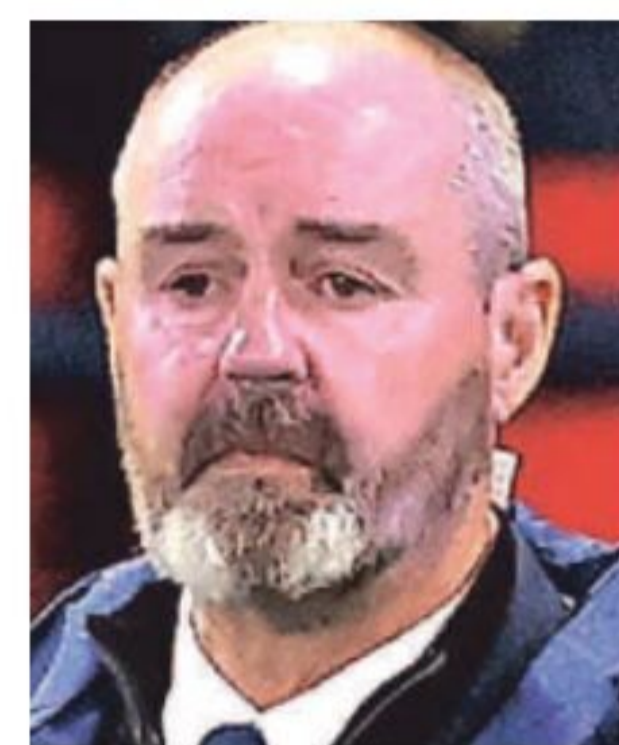
"We go away and rest and recover and get ready for a tough game against the Republic of Ireland at the weekend."

"Obviously we went out there in the summer and didn't do ourselves justice. We want to do ourselves justice on Saturday."

"It is a step forward. I think everyone forgets how disappointed the players were in the summer. They wanted to show what they were about this time, they wanted to win because they want to qualify for the A group."

"Tonight was the start hopefully of another good run of matches."

Asked if he was glad his players have the chance to avenge the summer defeat against the Republic, Clarke said: "Without being disrespectful I'd rather play San Marino! Dykes put the icing on



KEPT FAITH Steve Clarke

the cake with his late double to turn the victory into a romp – with two textbook headers from fellow sub Ryan Fraser corners.

And Clarke smiled: "It is credit to the two players. Both of them probably had the hump with the head coach they didn't start the game in the first place. That is what you want."

"It is always nice for the players to go on and prove a coach right – but I am not taking credit for it, it is down to the players."

The 3-0 victory means Scotland now need just two draws from their final matches against Ireland on Saturday night and away to Ukraine in Krakow next Tuesday to claim top spot in Group B1.

Topping the section will not just ensure a safety-net play-off shot at making it to the next European Championship finals in Germany in 2004 but also catapult Clarke's side into the second pot of seeds for the tournament's main qualification draw in Frankfurt on October 9.

However, there was a hammer blow for Everton superkid Nathan Patterson who had to be carried off on a stretcher after suffering a horrible-looking injury during the first half.

With Celtic's David Turnbull also returning to his club with a knock the Scotland boss may now be forced to call in some reinforcements.

But first he's hoping for some good news from the medics over Patterson's condition.

Clarke said: "Obviously we don't know [the extent of the injury]."

"He has to go away and get assessed. It doesn't look like a good one. Fingers crossed it is not too bad."



CROCKED Nathan Patterson was hurt early on

» THE HEIR TO KING KENNY'S THRONE

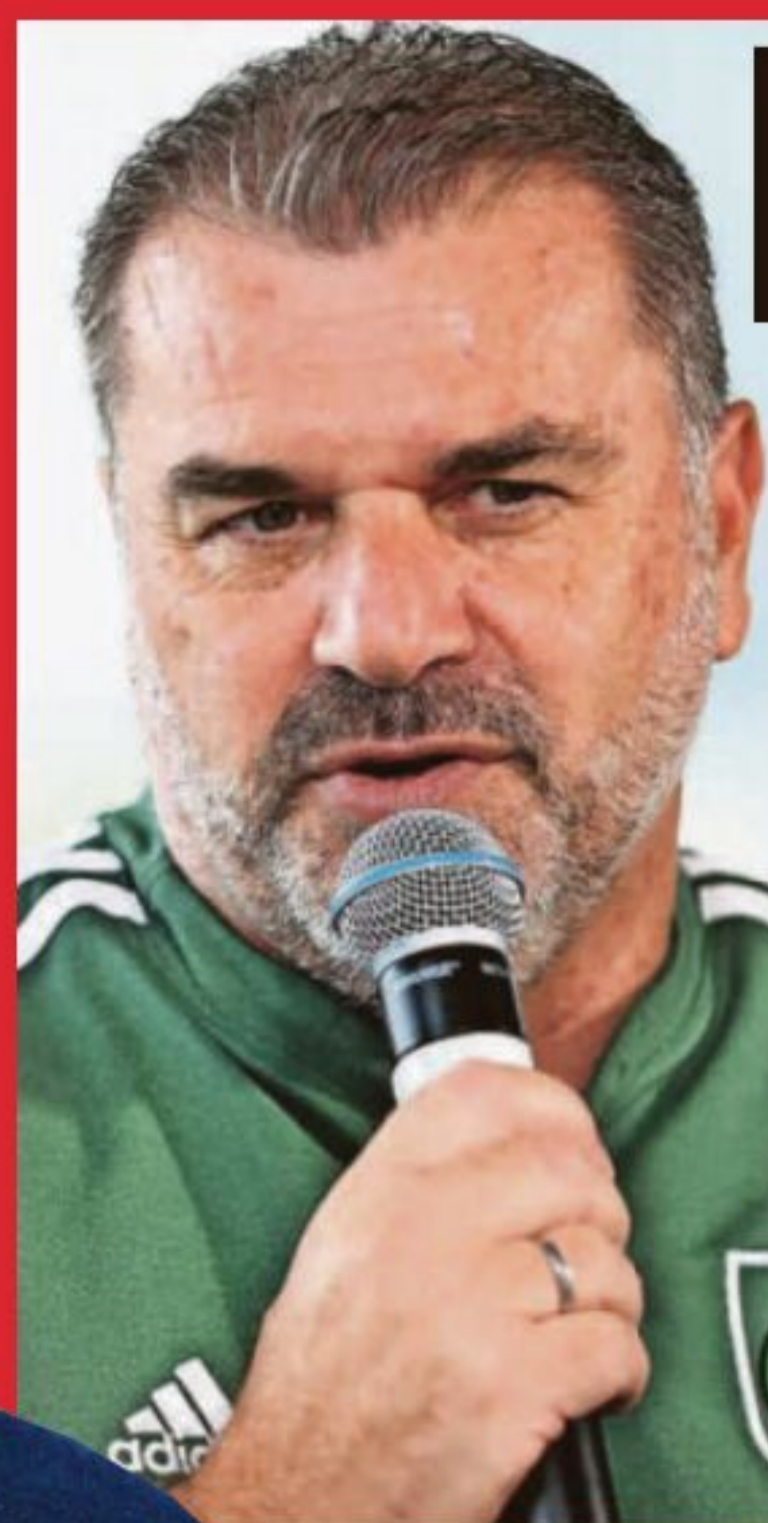
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Leicester not on my radar

Postecoglou is happy at the Hoops

ANGE POSTECOGLOU has hammered home his commitment to Celtic amid more talk of the Hoops boss being a top target for English Premier League big guns.

The Aussie was heavily linked with the Brighton job before the appointment of

BY MICHAEL GANNON

former Shakhtar Donetsk gaffer Roberto de Zerbi and his name was launched into the frame for the Chelsea gig before Graham Potter was unveiled. Postecoglou has also

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SIGHT FOR SORE EYES
McGinn enjoys opening goal

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GROUP B1

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UKRAINE	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
REP IRELAND	4	1	1	2	4	3	4
ARMENIA	4	1	0	3	2	9	3

Elated Clarke tells Hampden hero John to do it all again v Republic

BY KEITH JACKSON

STEVE CLARKE watched John McGinn lead Scotland to a glory night at Hampden - then urged him to do it all over again against the Republic of Ireland on Saturday.

Clarke's side turned in arguably the most complete performance of the manager's time in charge as they brushed aside the very team which ended their World Cup hopes

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McGinn tae them

INSIDE: ALL THE ACTION FROM ROCKING HAMPDEN



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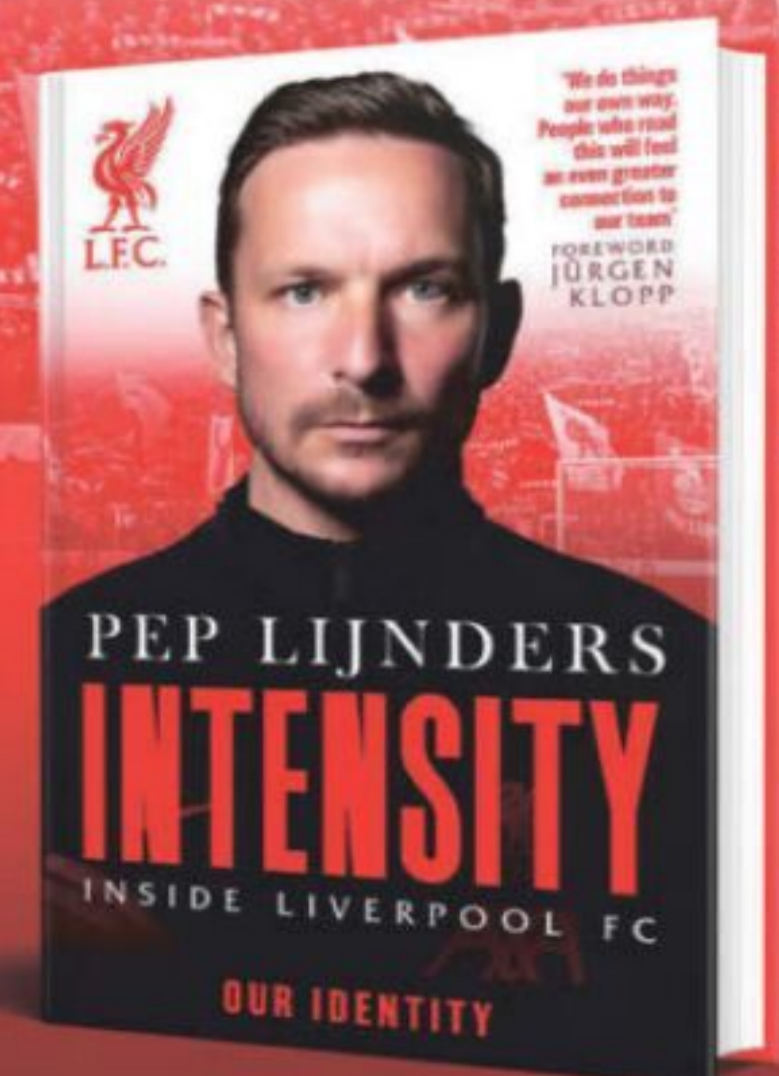
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WORDSEARCH

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30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

59, 72, 294

NINER

OBSCENITY

SUMMIT UP

80

MIRROR IMAGE

A

QUICKSTART

Across: 7 Humid; 8 Grounds; 9 Extreme; 10 Grand; 12 Prospectus; 15 Transgress; 18 Cover; 19 Footpad; 21 Finical; 22 Stern. Down: 1 Phlegmatic; 2 Smite; 3 Idle; 4 Egress; 5 Congress; 6 Unearth; 11 Despondent; 13 Restrict; 14 Carving; 16 Ruffle; 17 Speed; 20 Oust.

CODEWORD

1=K, 2=Z, 3=P, 4=E, 5=W, 6=L, 7=F, 8=V, 9=H, 10=I, 11=J, 12=A, 13=Q, 14=M, 15=C, 16=U, 17=S, 18=Y, 19=D, 20=O, 21=T, 22=N, 23=G, 24=B, 25=R, 26=X

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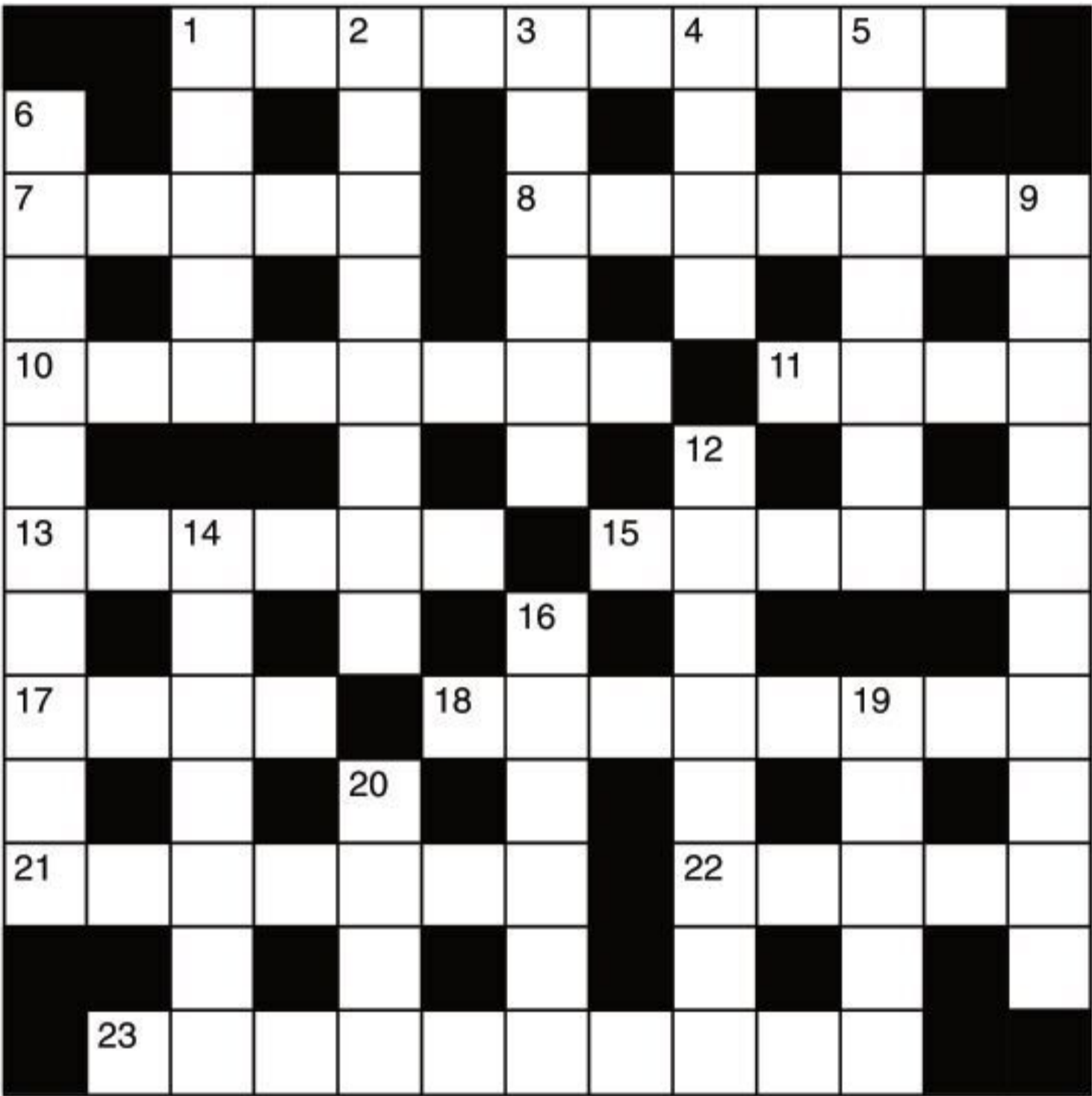
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EXTRA
PUZZLES

QUICKSTART



Across

- 1. Of trade (10)
- 7. Coral isle (5)
- 8. Zulu spear (7)
- 10. Meant (8)
- 11. Record (4)
- 13. Invisible (6)
- 15. Bloated (6)
- 17. Roguish (4)
- 18. Grumble (8)
- 21. Exalted (7)
- 22. Boxing ring (5)
- 23. Concerned (10)

Down

- 1. Small farm (5)
- 2. Feign illness (8)
- 3. Rubber (6)
- 4. Throw (4)
- 5. Fishing (7)
- 6. Handle (10)
- 9. Concomitant (10)
- 12. Supersede (8)
- 14. Division (7)
- 16. Abhor (6)
- 19. In front (5)
- 20. Measure (4)

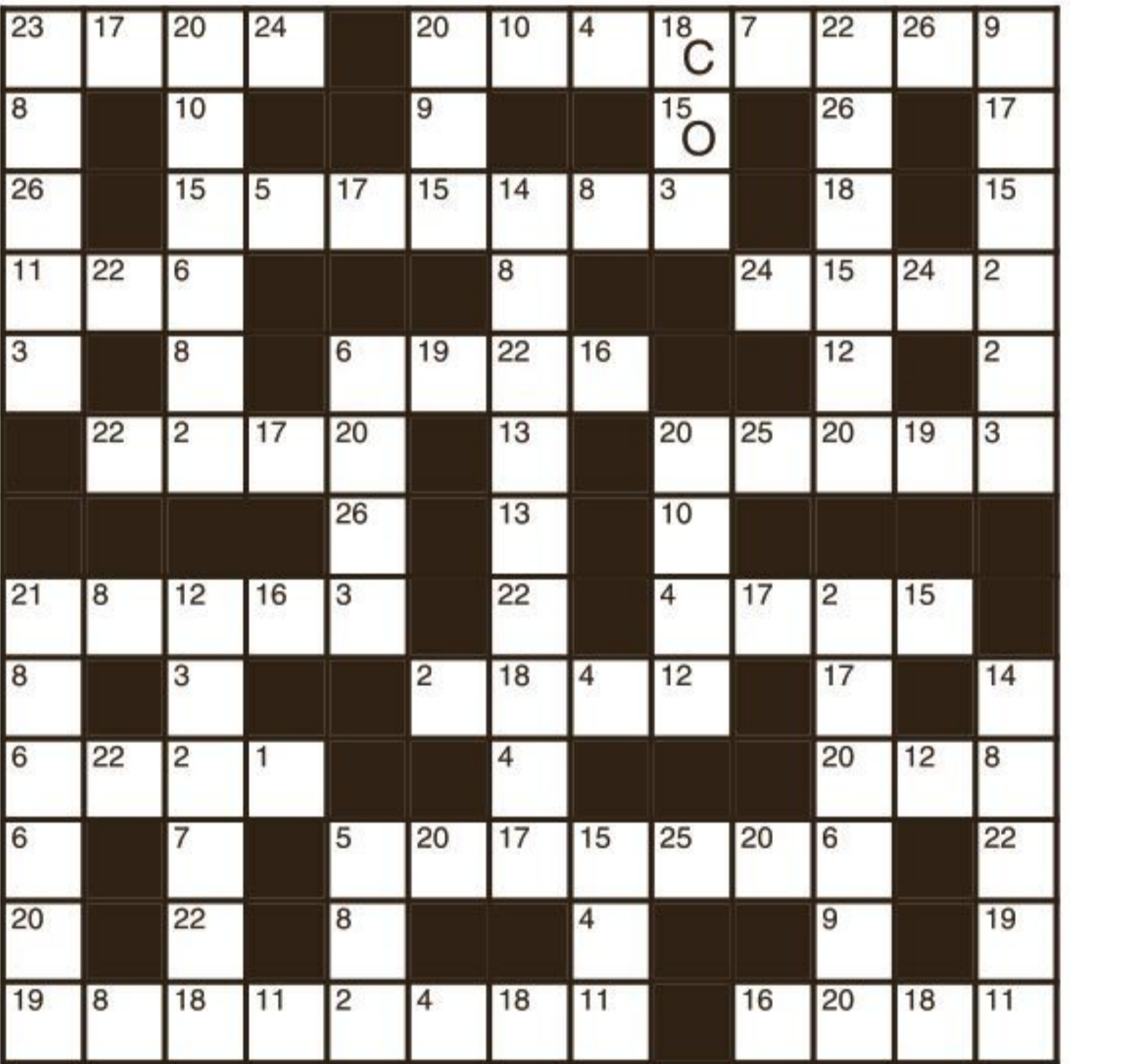
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Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER										ANSWER
44	+41	60% of this	-36	x5	+21	÷6	-13	Squared	+62	
INTERMEDIATE										ANSWER
14	x12	+532	65% of this	-287	5/8 of this	-61	+1/2 of this	+61	x6	
ADVANCED										ANSWER
674	x3	+668	+1/2 of this	-764	x2	-655	3/7 of this	+693	÷12	

CODEWORD

The number in each square corresponds to a letter. You have to work out the words in the grid, using the two letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use your skill and judgement to work out the remainder.

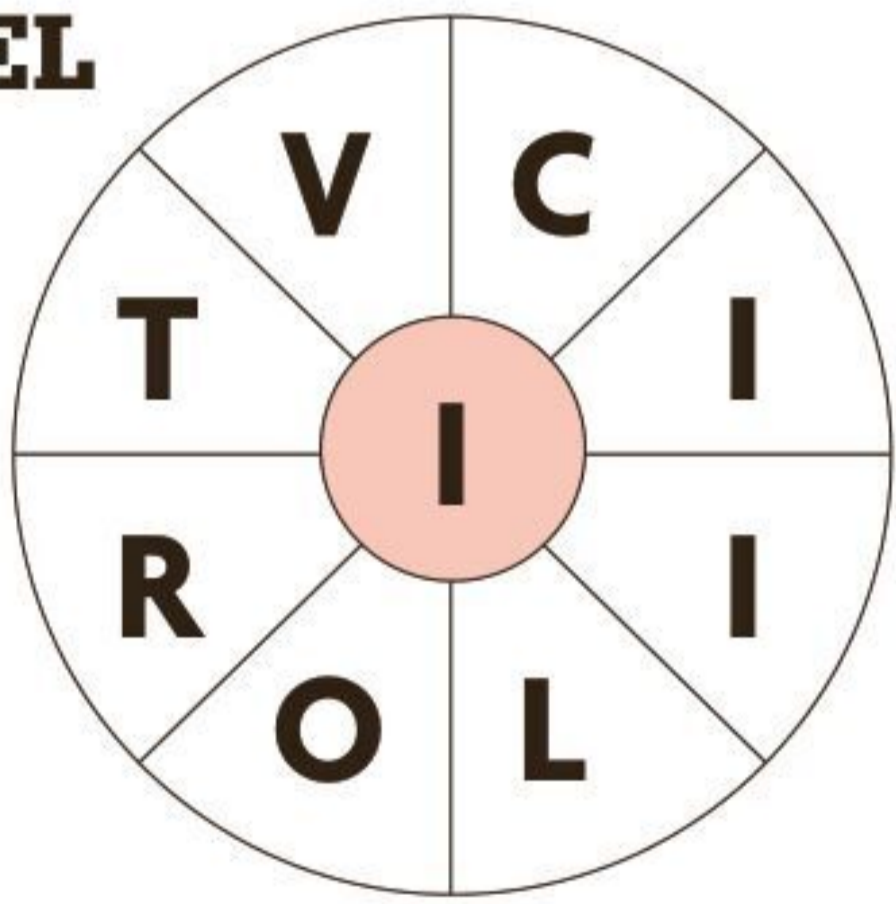


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WORD WHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

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Can you find all the listed words related to current affairs in the grid? Answers may run horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forwards.

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I O I L H L I A P T E R C T C
S B Q P I F P O S W H E R I I
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V O E E W W N W K B D O K E B
E A T E N R E T N I A R M Z U
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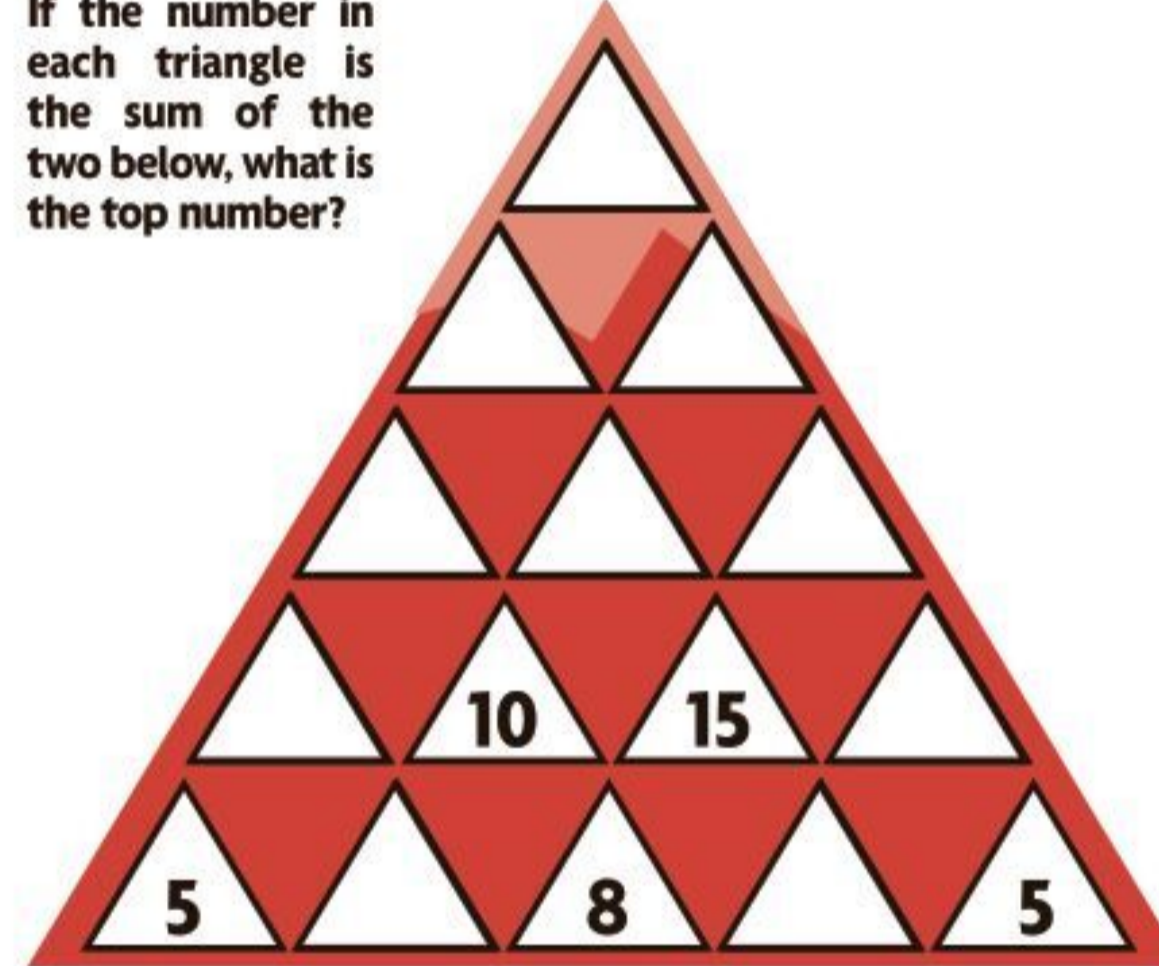
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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SUDOKU

1 SUDOKU EASY

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2 SUDOKU MEDIUM

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3 SUDOKU HARD

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NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1824618 gives an insect
371 gives an insect
97365 gives a mollusc

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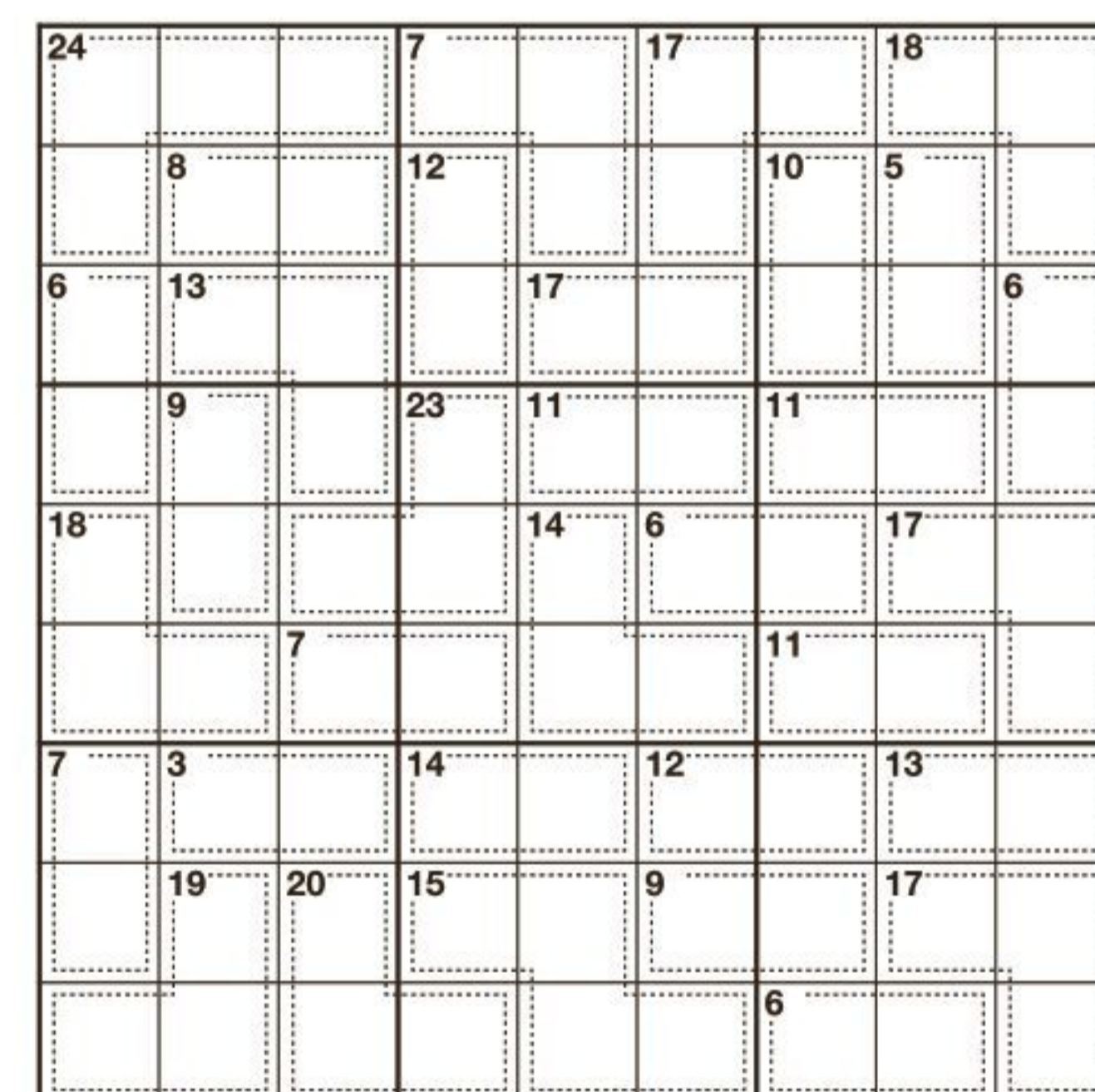


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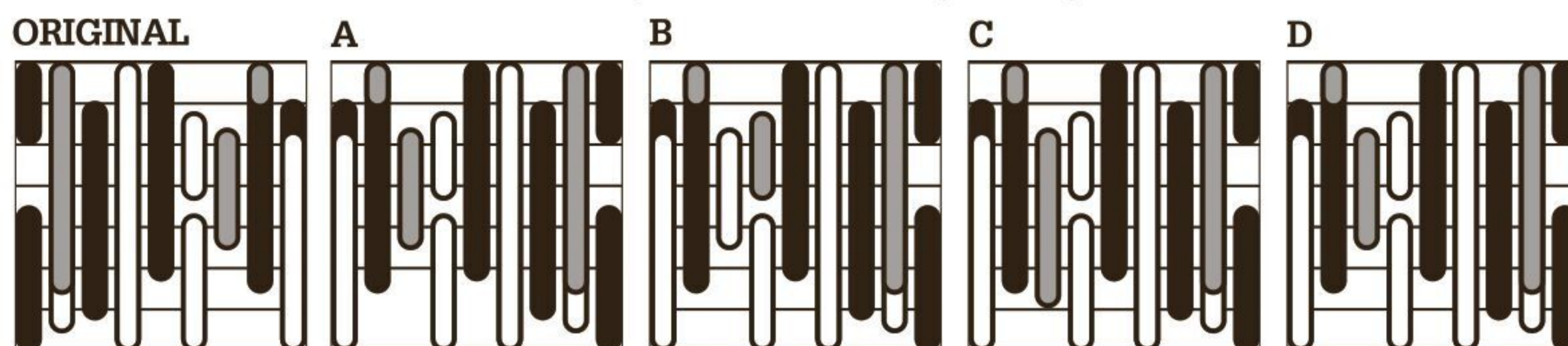
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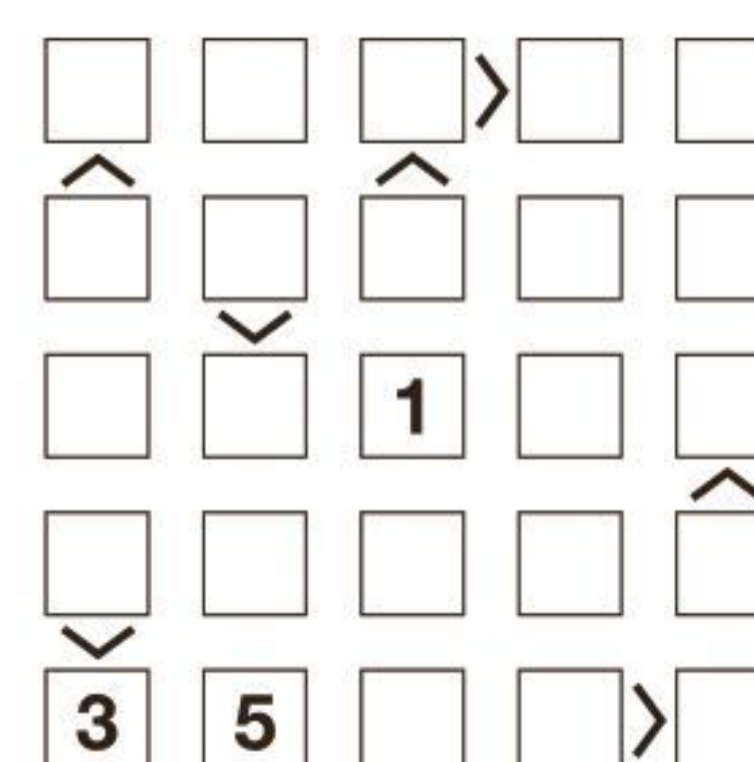
Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.



Which of the shapes A-D is an exact mirror image of the original?



Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the “greater than” (>) and “less than” (<) signs.



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48963 gives a tree
675 gives a second tree
713248 gives a third tree

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?

WORD SQUARE

A	A	H
B	W	O
R	S	D

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

Target:
12 - good;
16 - very good;
20 or more - excellent

WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.

WEE THINKER

Across

- First appearance of note in new duet (5)
- A screwy sort of description (7)
- Going off grit, not used (7)
- Moved about, terribly pert (5)
- A fatal cast (3)
- Town girl puts on weight (9)
- Old saw that's lost its cutting edge (6)
- Nations with unusual tastes (6)
- Togo picks out a bouncy toy (4,5)
- Everything in the gallery (3)
- Music maker has strange bulge (5)
- Being troubled by baby-sitting (7)
- Line taken by Brazil and Indonesia? (7)
- Reportedly burns prophets (5)

Down

- Challenged out of dread (5)
- Beating gambler in Greece (9)
- Victory for new MP I hurt (7)
- Unpleasant old woman with US soldier's Scottish dish (6)

5 Golden ones afford no special security (5)
6 Copper gets Eastern signal (3)
7 Permissive communications from landlords? (7)
12 Exclude its coarse form (9)
13 Fit for international selection? (7)
15 Returns from business (7)

16 Less intelligent type of switch (6)
18 Form of lightning seen on bed (5)
20 Goals set in African city (5)
22 Gun-wielding beast (3)

ANSWERS

SUDOKU

	9	1			8		7	
7			2		9	6		
4		2					8	9
9	8		4		7	1		
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EASY

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		7			5		2	
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	6						3	
		4		5				7

MEDIUM

ANSWERS

1	9	6	7	1	3	5	8	2
2	4	8	3	9	6	7	1	5
3	5	2	7	8	1	3	6	9
4	3	9	8	6	5	2	7	1
5	8	1	5	3	2	9	4	6
6	7	3	1	4	8	6	2	5
7	2	5	4	6	3	1	9	8
8	1	9	2	7	5	8	3	6
9	6	3	8	4	1	7	5	2

EASY

1	9	6	7	1	3	5	8	2
2	4	8	3	9	6	7	1	5
3	5	2	7	8	1	3	6	9
4	3	9	8	6	5	2	7	1
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7	2	5	4	6	3	1	9	8
8	1	9	2	7	5	8	3	6
9	6	3	8	4	1	7	5	2

MEDIUM

QUICKIE

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 1 Squeak, 5 Misery, 8 Rasputin, 9 Live, 10 Cleo, 11 Laterals, 12 Pastes, 14 Safety, 16 Price cut, 19 Gift, 21 Spun, 22 Inaction, 23 Lychee, 24 Karate.

DOWN: 2 Quail, 3 Exploit, 4 Kettles, 5 Monet, 6 Solar, 7 Rivulet, 13 Atrophy, 14 Setback, 15 Fighter, 17 Conch, 18 Chive, 20 Front.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 3 Final; 8 Curry; 10 Races; 11 Nib; 12 Loots; 13 Capital; 15 Feast; 18 Tan; 19 Survey; 21 Aerosol; 22 Herr; 23 Brie; 24 Filches; 26 Slogan; 29 Eel; 31 Tonic; 32 Arrange; 34 Rainy; 35 Too; 36 Build; 37 Terns; 38 Sense.

DOWN: 1 Lunar; 2 Arbiter; 4 Idol; 5 Artful; 6 Laser; 7 Lease; 9 Rip; 12 Lanolin; 14 Tar; 16 Avers; 17 Types; 19 Sorcery; 20 Whist; 21 Argon; 23 Belated; 24 Facade; 25 Her; 27 Lotus; 28 Girls; 30 Agony; 32 Ants; 33 Nor.



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